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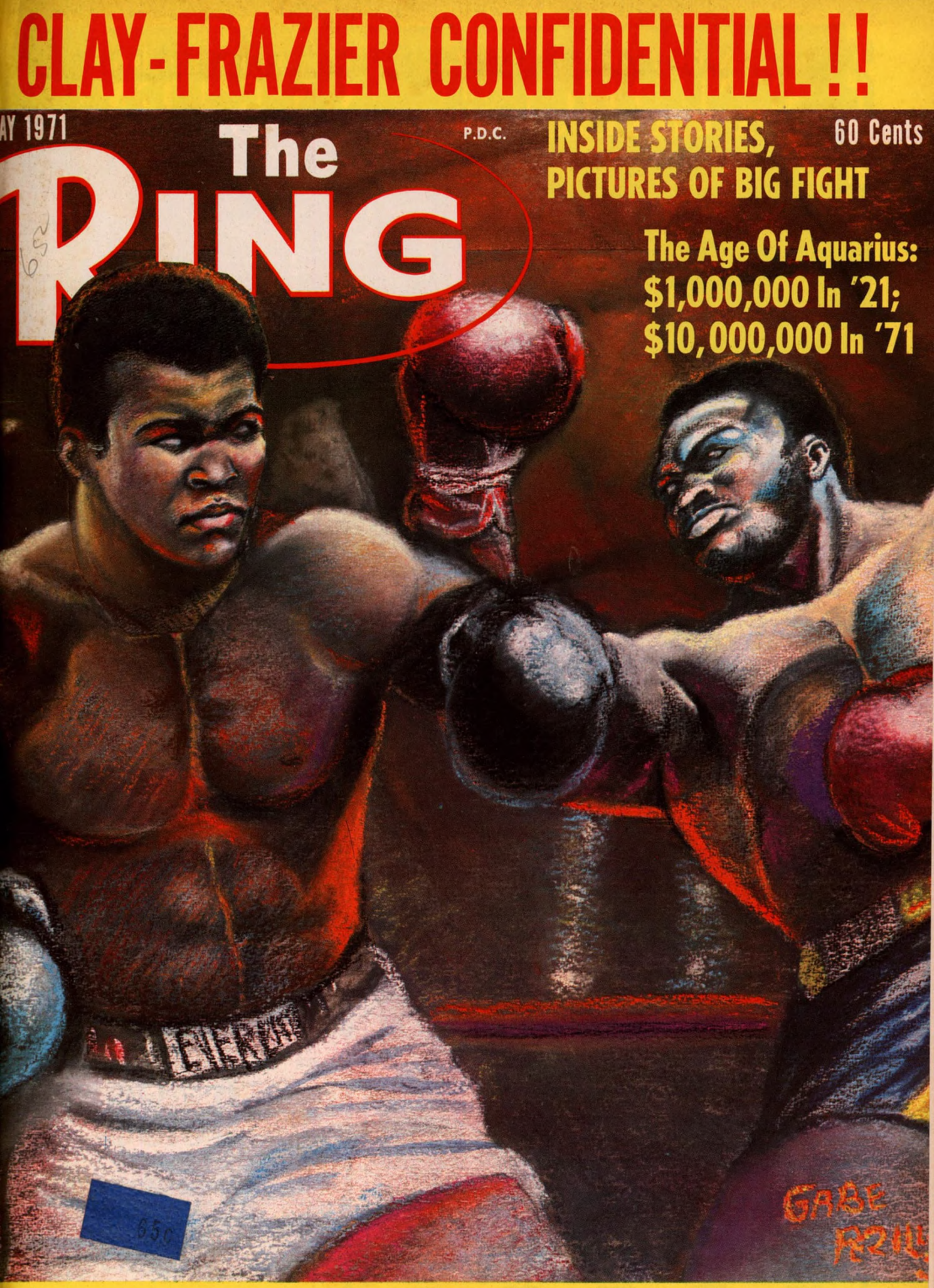

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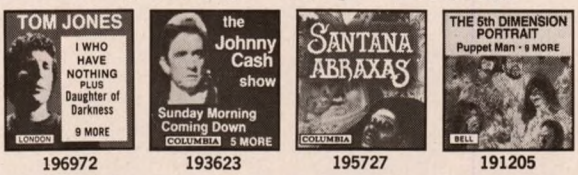

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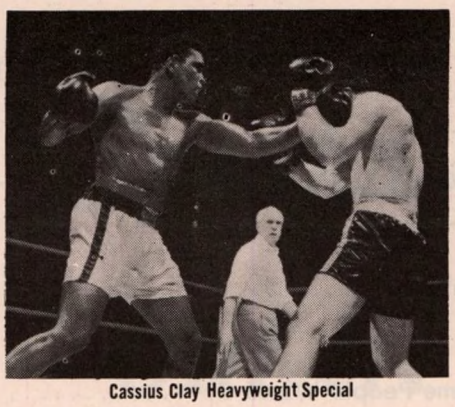

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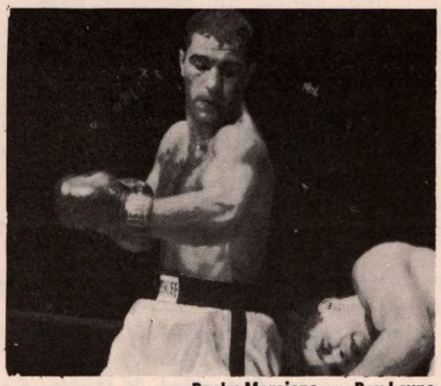

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NO sooner had Harry Markson, boxing director of Madison Square Garden, announced the price scale for the Frazier-Clay fight than readers of The Ring Magazine "took pen in hand" in profusion. Within several days, 82 readers expressed their views on the record scale, which ran from $150 ringside to $20 in the mezzanine.

The majority of the correspondents were against the scale as being "extravagant, excessive, inflationary."

However, most of the early correspondents who deplored the $150 tops took the position that it was hardly their personal affair, since distance and finances barred their involvement with ticket buying in New York.

The Garden had to place the $150 ringside rate and the $20 price for the rafters because of the unprecedentedly high cost of the promotion.

Jerry Perenchio of Chartwell Productions offered $2,500,000 to each fighter. His financial guarantor turned up in Jack Kent Cooke, who owns the Forum at Inglewood, Cal.

The guarantees assured to Frazier and Clay violated logic, financial soundness, financial safety, and anti-inflation campaigning.

The fact that the fighters split the incredible sum of $5,000,000 laughed at our greatest scientists, our most ardent public benefactors, our most successful inventors.

The entire faculty of a big university could not hope to save that much money in a lifetime. Dr. Fleming, who discovered penicillin, died without an estate verging on one-tenth of what Frazier and Clay signed for.

There was this to be said for the individual fight fan. He took the price scale, or he left it.

In Madison Square Garden, a $5,000,000 fight with a $150 top.

In other parts of New York, some 1,200,000 persons living in relief from the city's treasury.

A strange commentary on the times. And possibly stranger things in the offing.

The financial involvements of the fight were cited by some of The Ring's readers as evidence of the inherent strength of boxing.

No other sports event yet has come anything near the sum total of the Garden enterprise, the ticket scale, or the guarantees to the contestants.

This matter of paying each boxer $2,500,000 was all the more noteworthy in view of the gamble involved and for the ticket buyers. They could have assumed the chance that there would be a repetition of the two Liston-Patterson engagements, neither of which lasted out one round.

I have no criticism of Harry Markson and the Madison Square Garden establishment.

He was confronted with the absolute need of saving this feature from Texas. His employers demanded the fight. New York, having packed the Garden with a $75 top for the Clay-Bonavena fight, clamored for Frazier and Clay at any cost.

The question left behind was this: might not the Garden reap the whirlwind?

Might not Joe and Cassius feel that a permanent financial standard had been set up?

Of course, there is no comparing admission prices for big fights of the past with the Frazier-Clay scale. A dollar in 1938 was worth 100 cents as against the current 50 cents value of a Washington print.

But comparisons, odious as they too often are, make interesting material.

As I write this in the offices of The Ring, I find a poster of the second fight between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling facing me. It is dated June 22, 1938.

The price scale was advertised as running from $30 to $5.75.

This was a return match in which Joe was seeking revenge for his 12-round KO by Max before the Brown Bomber became the world champion.

This match drew 70,043 fans who paid $1,015,012, into Yankee Stadium. It was a wonder. The fight hardly repaid the $30 patrons because, as you know, it lasted only two minutes, four seconds.

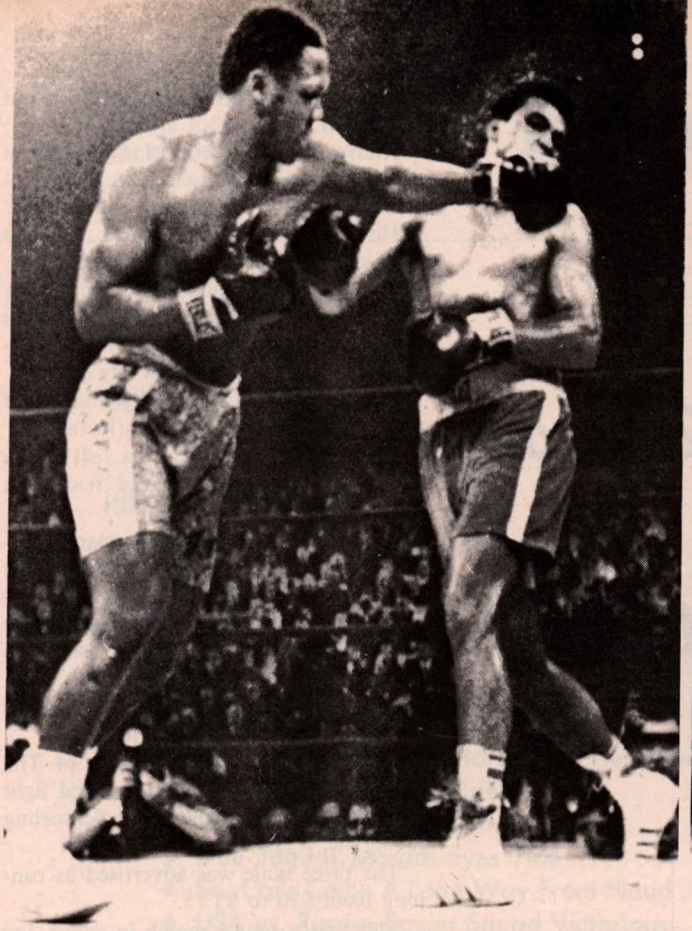
The poster offered a card which hardly could be duplicated now. Brescia vs. Kettles; Bray vs. Simon; Barth vs. Balsamo; Clark vs. Mignault.

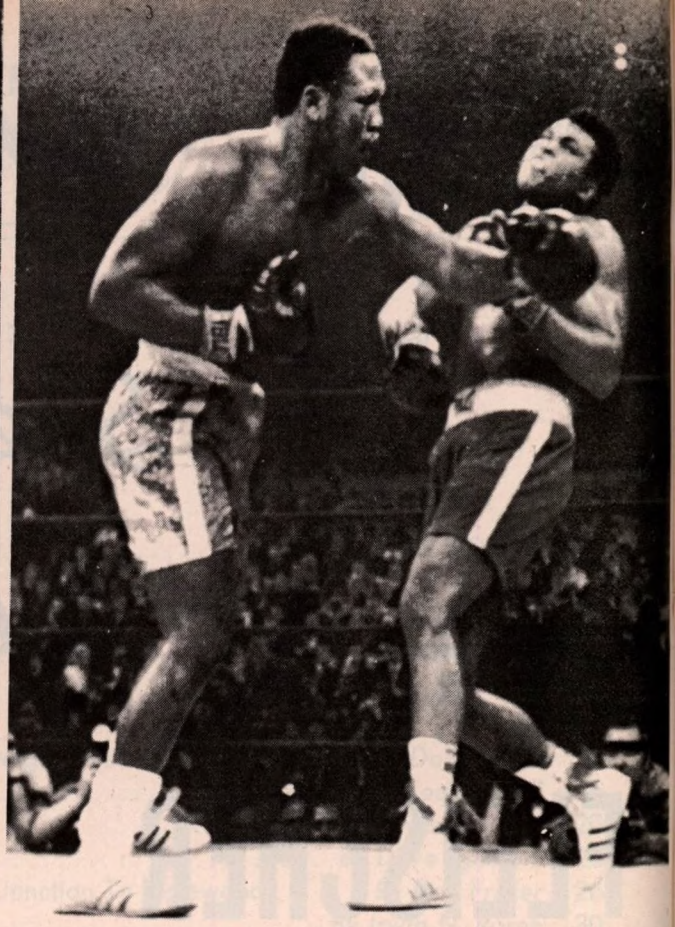
Unless Clay fails to get the support of the Supreme Court on Question 4, which has to do with his claim to exemption as a pugilistic Conscientious Objector, California probably will land the rematch in the Frazier-Clay series, with Cooke's Forum at Inglewood repaid for his involvement as the Garden guarantor.

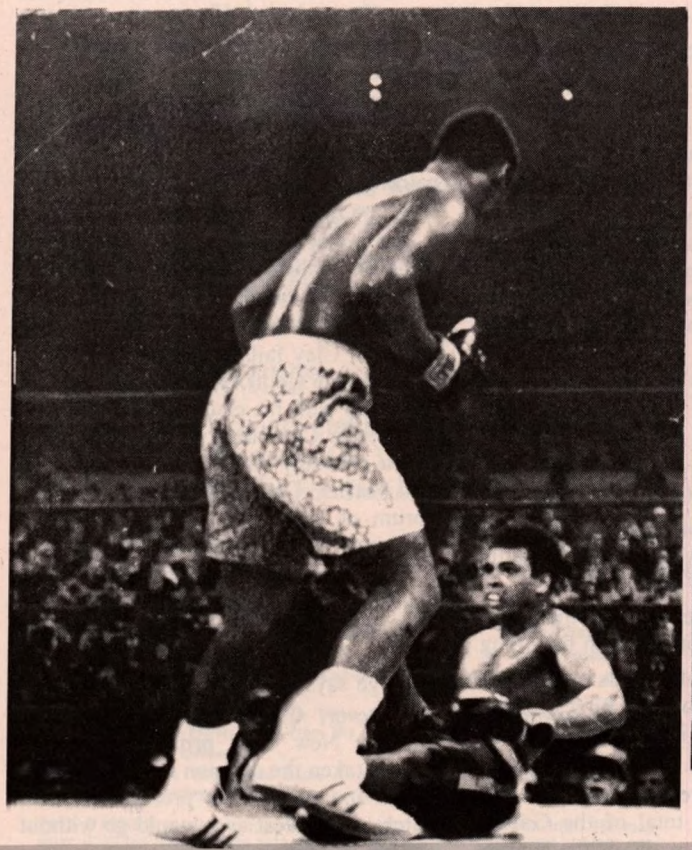
Not so long ago I queried Don Fraser, The Ring's representative in Los Angeles, on George Parnassus's attitude toward a Joe vs. Cassius fight. The reply was, "George says he is not at all interested."

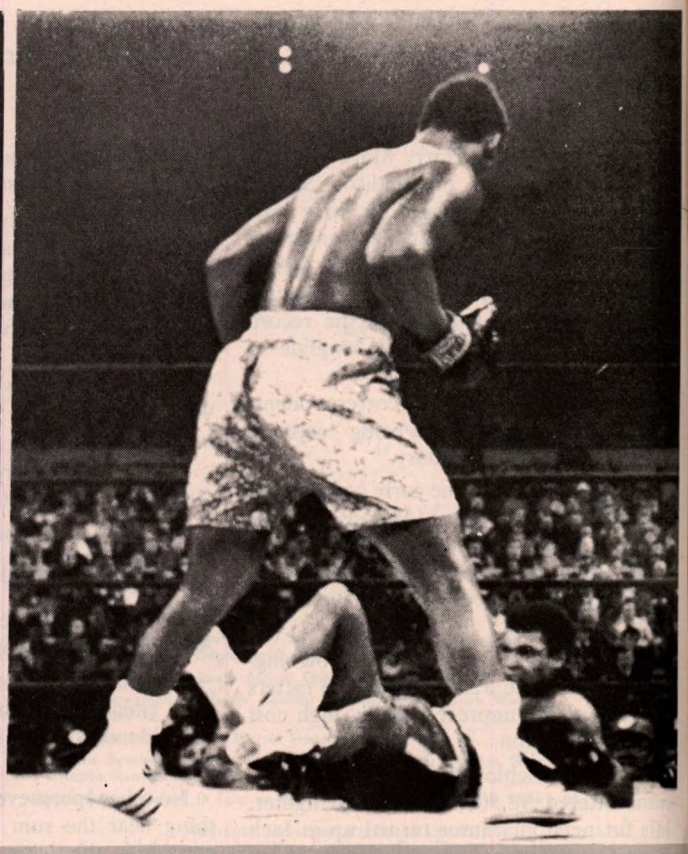
However, Cooke's getting mixed up with the New York promotion appears to have taken the decision away from Parnassus and carried the promise of a rematch as far West as it would go without landing in Honolulu.

Lucky Cassius Clay! An appellant before the Supreme Court, to rid himself of the charge of felony for refusing to accept the draft into the Army, Cassius has started 1971 with two rich engagements that have reduced the draft law to a mockery.









THE KNOCKDOWN

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THOUGH JOE'S WIN DECISIVE, MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

By DAN DANIEL

IN the aftermath of Joe Frazier's emphatic victory over Cassius Clay by unanimous decision of referee Arthur Mercante and judges Bill Recht and Artie Aidala, after a frenetic 15-round battle before 20,455 spectators in New York's Madison Square Garden, quite a few questions, and quite a few established facts, present themselves.

The most interesting question is this: Could Clay, at his peak four years ago, have escaped defeat, which was clinched by a left hook which decked the Muslim in the 15th round?

Clay threw a lot of punches. But they were mostly for show and at no time had Frazier in danger.

Why did Frazier, after punishing his man with body blows in the first four rounds, switch to the head?

When this question was put to Yancey Durham, the champion's trainer-manager, he replied, "Because I told him to." When Yank was pressed for more explicit information he refused to extend his remarks.

Did Frazier's effort realize his ultimate potential against Clay? In the light of what Joe found out about Cassius, would the titleholder be expected to stop his man in a second meeting?

Is there to be a return engagement, and where?

Did the fight, with its $150 ringside admission price, the $5,000,000 guaranteed, share and share alike, to the contestants, come up to expectations and justify the attendant hysteria?

Reviewing the facts established by the 45 minutes of action, we find these outstanding:

1. Clay's unorthodox conduct right through the fight, with the exception of the 11th and 15th rounds, in which he was in serious danger of a knockout, established him as the standout actor in heavyweight history. He made John Barrymore at his best look and sound like a busher of the footlights.

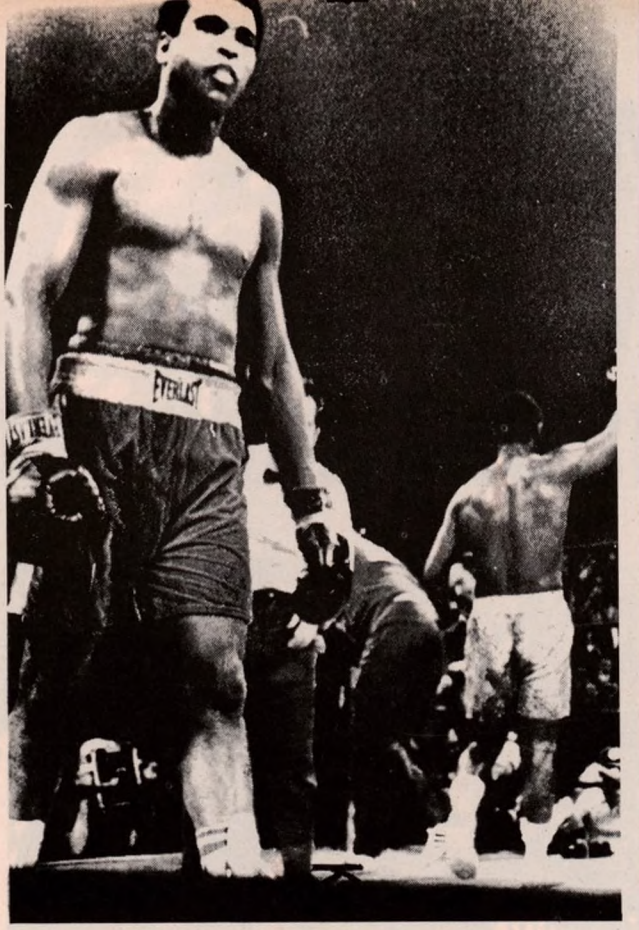
2. Muhammad set himself up as the master of in-ring insult, and effort to turn derision, in spite of pain, into a useful weapon. In that regard he was the most active perpetrator in the history of heavyweight glove fighting.

A joyous Joe Frazier is embraced by manager Yank Durham after successfully defending his title against Cassius Clay at Madison Square Garden.

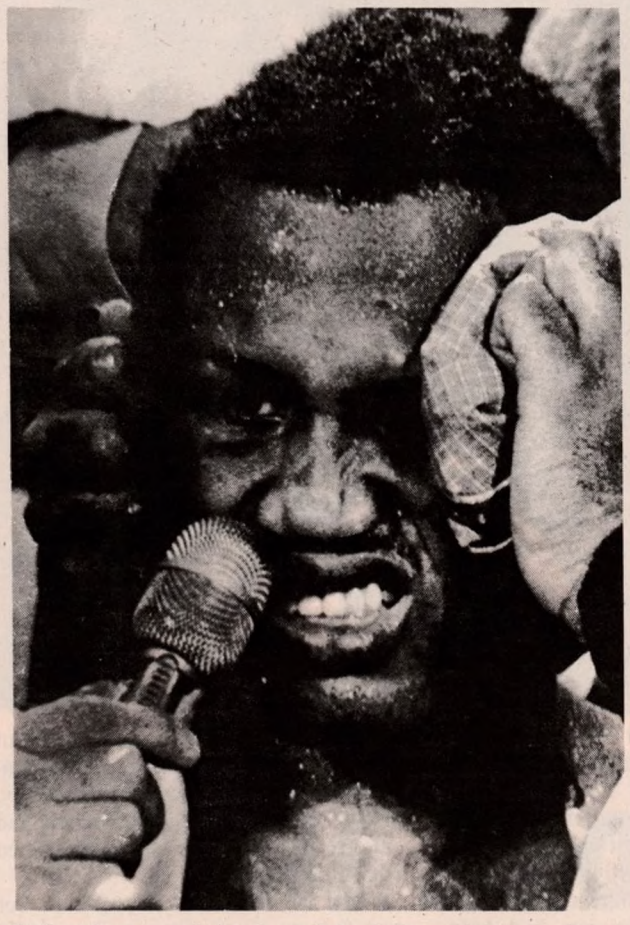
3. It was easy to see, after only a few rounds, that Clay had lost much of his old speed. This was reflected in many giveaways, notably in his limited use of the uppercut, which in the past had been Clay's vital weapon.

4. If there had been any question about Clay's gameness and ability to take punishment, it was dissipated completely. Some of the outstanding title holders and contenders of the past would have wilted under Frazier's attack.

5. Joe indicated that he was safe, for some time to come, from serious threat to his leadership.



A forlorn and beaten Cassius Clay walks back to his corner at the end of the 15th round as Frazier waves to the crowd before hearing the unanimous decision in his favor. It was Clay's first defeat as a pro.



Frazier winces as an icebag is applied to bruises under his eye during a news conference following his successful defense.

Eliminate Clay and the only current heavyweight who might draw with Frazier in the future is George Foreman, who is being nursed along carefully with a title shot in view once Muhammad is erased from the scene, either by another defeat by Frazier or a Supreme Court verdict sending him to a Federal penitentiary for anywhere from two to five years for refusal to respect an Army draft.

6. Cassius turned in a better fight than experts had expected and lost by a margin of 6 rounds against 9 (the writer's count), with the 11th and 15th most decisive in accentuating the former champion's setback.

Clay did not show up in the interview room after the fight. He had gone to Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital to have his swollen jaw examined. It turned out that there was no fracture, merely a condition which the surgeons called a hematoma.

Taking Clay's place for post-fight questioning was Drew Brown, the Great Bundini, who said nothing significant and pulled a real rock when he said, "No soldier quits in the fox hole."

Bundini blanched when he realized that he had misdirected his verbosity. Clay was nowhere near a fox hole even in thought during the 45 minutes of fighting, which produced his first defeat after 31 victories, 25 of them by KO. For Frazier, the victory was No. 27, 23 by knockout.

Clay's knockdown in the 15th round was only the third of his professional career, his defeat only the second of his entire ring life.

Before Cassius won the title he was decked by Sonny Banks in New York in 1962, and as champion by Henry Cooper in 1963 in London. Banks was despatched in four, Henry in five.

During the post-fight questioning Frazier said, "I don't think he will want another fight."

However, the scuttlebutt now current is that Frazier and Clay will meet again, in the Forum at Inglewood, Cal., which is owned by Jack Kent Cooke.

Cooke signed the papers under which he became a partner in the Garden fight by guaranteeing $4,500,000 of the $5,000,000 assured to Frazier and Clay.

The dope is that there already is an understanding whereby each fighter will receive $1,000,000.

The Forum has been a highly successful enterprise, under the boxing management of the veteran George Parnassus.

Insofar as the official scoring of the fight was concerned, there was no room for doubt or uncertainty.

Referee Mercante called it 8 to 6, with one even; Recht saw it a most complete triumph for Joe, 11 to 4; and Aidala sent in a 9-6 card.

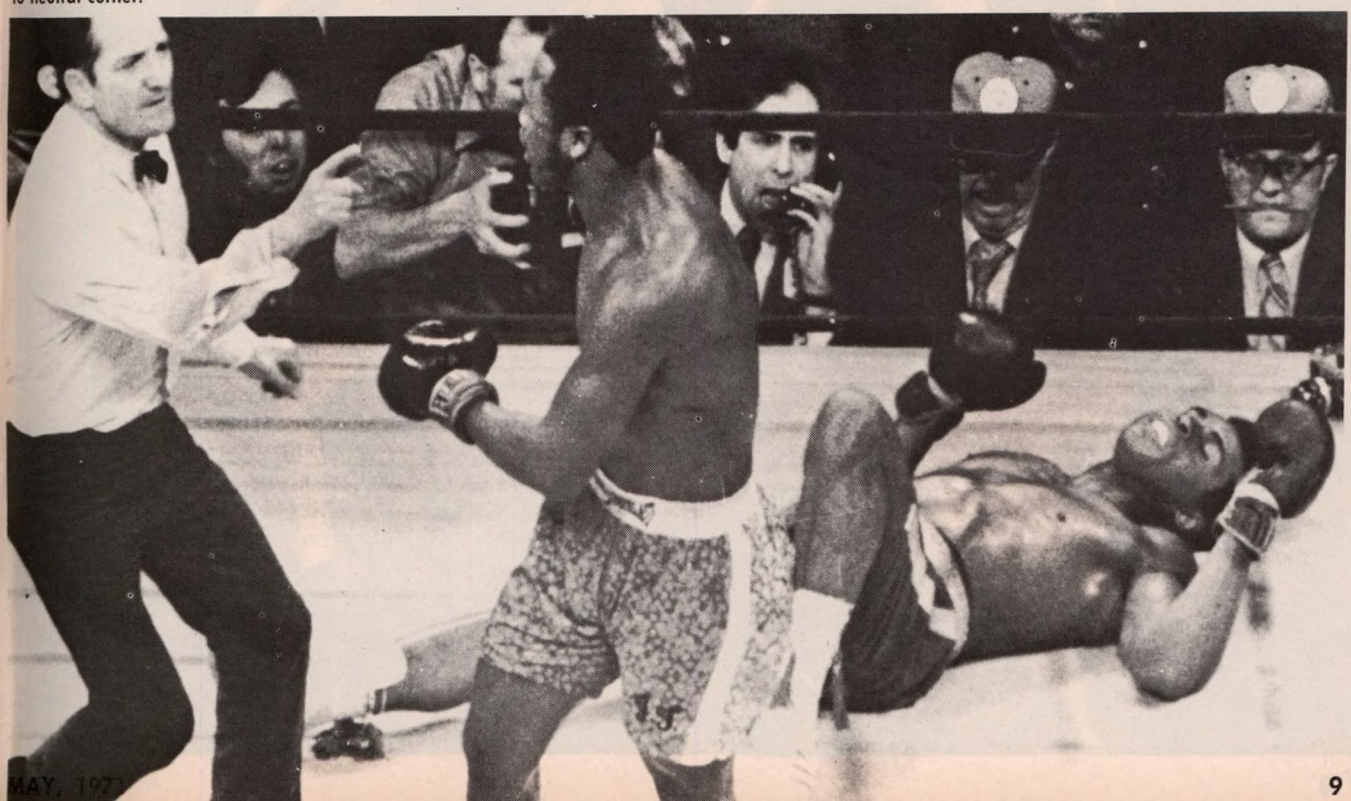
The drama of the night found few counterparts in heavyweight history, even covering the Dempsey-Tunney Long Count second fight, in Chicago.

Round after round, the conviction fastened itself on the experts that Clay was being beaten. They weren't fooled by his play-acting, by his headshaking denials of injury and pain whenever he was hit hard, by his spending so much time backed against the ropes, mainly for periods of rest, by his repeated futile sticking out of his left and whirling it under Joe's nose. Clay used his advantage in reach of six-and-a-half inches to some purpose, but not importantly.

At the noontime weigh-in, Frazier tipped the beam at 205½ pounds, while Clay hit it at 215. Clay also had the advantage in height, standing 6 feet 3 as against 5 feet 11¼ for Frazier.

The emotional impact of the fight, rising minute by minute, achieved a shrieking crescendo in the 15th round when Joe

(Above) Frazier's powerful left catches Clay on the jaw in the 15th and down he went. (Below) Cassius is flat on his back as Mercante motions Frazier to neutral corner.



(Above) Clay's eyes close as he grimaces upon being on receiving end of Frazier's long right to the side of the head. (Below) Clay tosses a right which misses Frazier in the first round.

(Above) A stunned Clay is about to land on the canvas, but hard, as a puffy-eyed Frazier watches his downward trip. (Below) Joe has Cassius backed on the ropes in the fourth round and tosses a long right as Clay covers up.

unleashed a terrific left hook which found its target on Clay's right cheek, and sent him sprawling on his back.

Down went Cassius, amid excitement rarely matched in heavyweight title history.

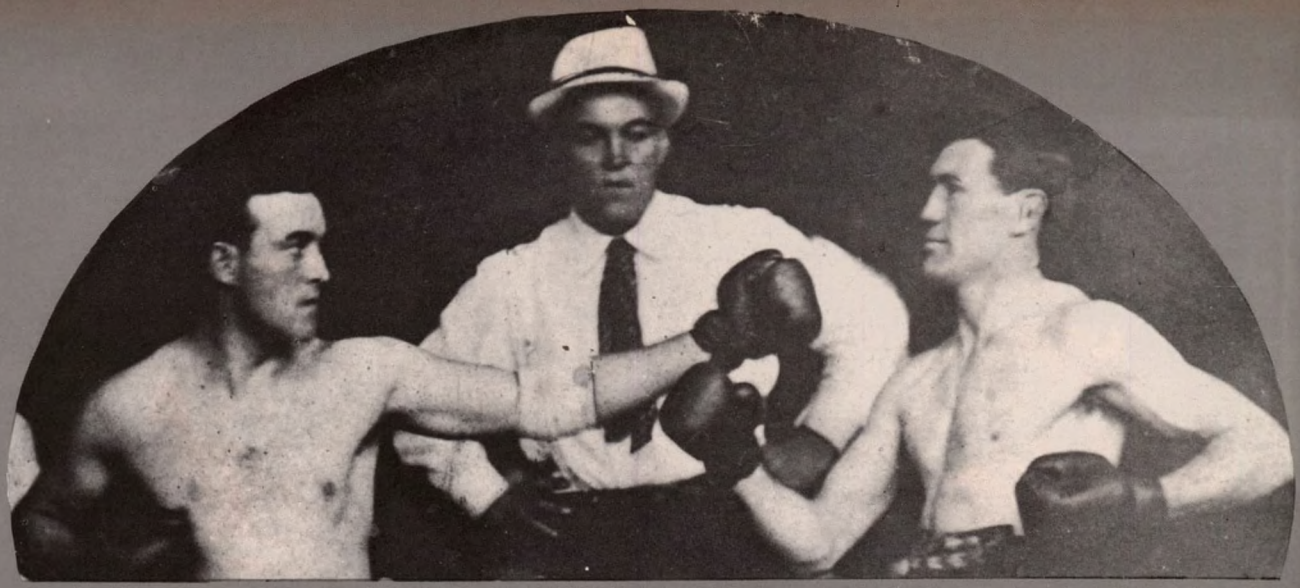
The general supposition was that Clay had been knocked out. But he jumped up quickly and, summoning whatever faculties still were functioning, he put on a flurry. Soon, the bell!

Referee Mercante handled the exciting situation with coolness and skill, in sharp contrast to the 15th round situation not so long ago in the Garden ring, when Clay decked Oscar Bonavena thrice.

How New York was thrown into hysterical expenditure to make the $1,352,952 gate at the Garden, by the unprecedented harvests of the scalpers and dealers in counterfeit tickets, by the dramatic response of the spectators, by the bizarre accoutrements of so many of the spectators, is a story yet to be told.

When it was all over, there was wholehearted appreciation of Joe Frazier, of Philadelphia, age 27, not so many years ago a $75 a week worker in an abbatoir.

It was a bad night for the Clays. Not only was Cassius beaten, but Clay's younger brother, Rudy, was a loser in a six-rounder with Britain's Don McAlinden.



Tommy Burns (left) and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien square off before their 20-rounder in Los Angeles in November, 1906. Referee Jim Jeffries (center), called it a draw, the first such happening in heavyweight title annals.

IS THERE ANYTHING AS RARE AS A HEAVYWEIGHT DRAW?

A bronzed Jack Dempsey mixes it up with Tom Gibbons in their bout at Shelby, Montana, in 1923. It went the full 15 with the Manassa Mauler gaining the nod.

By DAN DANIEL

THEY say that the scarcest things in the world are hens teeth. Seldom encountered are pretty girls with bowed legs, Cassius Clay autographs in Viet Nam, and an Italian fight referee who isn't a homer.

However, how about the draw decision in heavyweight title competition?

Since Jim Corbett beat John L. Sullivan in a glove scrap in 1892 there have been only two stalemates in which reigning heavyweight champions were involved.

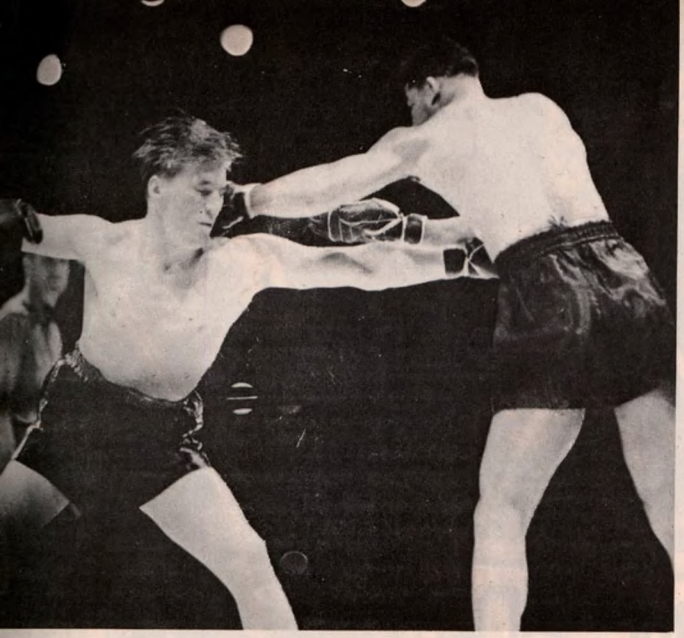
The first one happened on November 28, 1906, in Los Angeles, where Tommy Burns, the titleholder, and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien went 20 rounds to a draw.

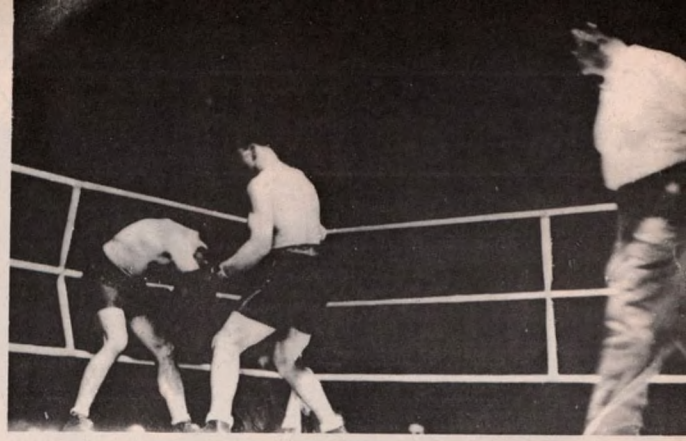
Burns had acquired the title, relinquished in 1905 by Jim Jeffries, with a 20-round points decision over Marvin Hart, on February 23, 1906, in Los Angeles.

The other heavyweight title draw involved Jack Johnson and Battling Jim Johnson in Paris on December 19,1913. They went 20 rounds. Jack did not perspire heavily.

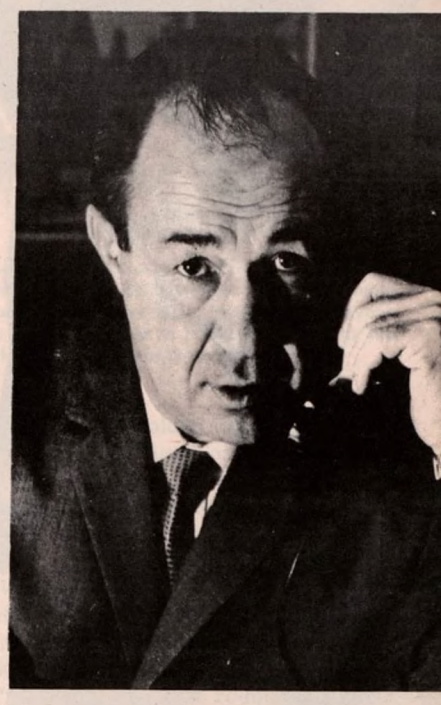
Fight fans do not like draw decisions. They do not like disqualifications, either. And they are not overjoyed when a couple of 200 pounders battle 15 rounds to a decision on points.

Once in a while boxing enthusiasts will go ga-ga over an exhibition of spectacular skill. That happened not so long





(Left) Tommy Farr, the game Welshman, shoots a left to Joe Louis' midsection during the first round of their 1937 bout, won by Louis via a 15-round verdict. (Above) In another heavyweight championship contest that went the full distance Primo Carnera (right) outpointed Paulino Uzcudun at Rome in 1933. (Right) Referee Harold Valan says that a draw decision is seldom possible.



ago in Madison Square Garden in New York, when Ken Buchanan, the lightweight champion, almost shut out Donato Paduano, welter champion of Canada, in a ten-round prelude to George Foreman's destruction of Boone Kirkman.

Ken was greased lightning, Ken was a ballet master, Ken was a gorgeous boxer. But it took the last word in mobility, in legerdemain, in hit and get away, to impel the fans to display their approval.

With the world heavyweight title at stake, there have been ever so few fights to a points decision.

The most notable bouts in that category were the two meetings of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, both at the ten-round distance, the second one, in Chicago, marked by the famous Long Count, in which Gene was the beneficiary.

KO Dempsey had to be satisfied with a 15-round decision the afternoon he beat Tom Gibbons at Shelby, Mont., on July 4, 1923.

Some day a book will be written about that fight, about that cow town which aspired so high and fell so deep, a set of too ambitious citizens who went broke. That story simply will have to be preserved for posterity.

Gibbons could not hit with Jack, but he did show the Manassa Mauler a few tricks with the gloves, the hands, the wrists, and even the legs.

Dempsey felt he had been derogated by the Gibbons fight and was all the more determined to make short shrift of his next opponent. He was Luis Angel Firpo, KO victim in two heats. After that, Dempsey took three years off before meeting Tunney in Philadelphia.

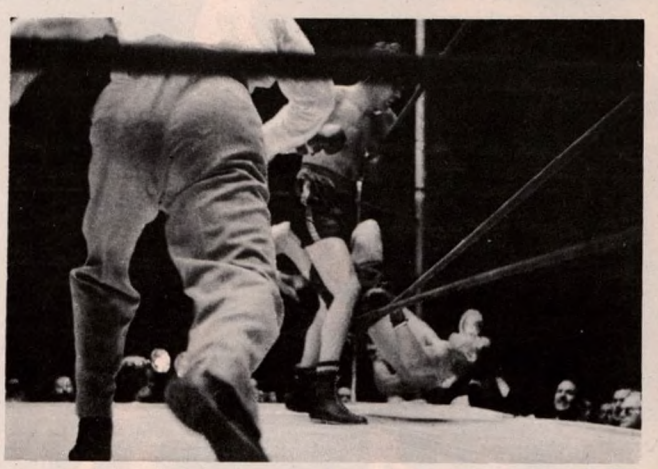
The heavyweight title changed hands on a 15-round decision in New York the night Jimmy Braddock outboxed and outfoxed Max Baer. You will find that 1935 contest listed at the very top of the column marked "Heavyweight Title Upsets." Jim was a 10 to 1 underdog, with few if any takers.

Louis caught a Tartar when he went 15 with Britain's Tommy Farr on August 30, 1937, in Yankee Stadium. Joe was 5 to 1. Only 32,000 fans turned out. They looked for an early finish. Joe also went 15 to beat Arturo Godoy, and 10 against Bob Pastor.

It was a matter of points when Jack Sharkey, who had lost to Max Schmelling in four rounds on a foul, outpointed the German and took the title from him in June, 1932.

Primo Carnera had two 15-round title defenses, against Paulino in Rome, and with Tommy Loughran in Miami. These marked his only successful defenses of the title.

Harold Valan, who refereed the much discussed fight at Stockholm in which he called Jimmy Ellis the winner over Floyd Patterson in what many fans regarded as a Patterson

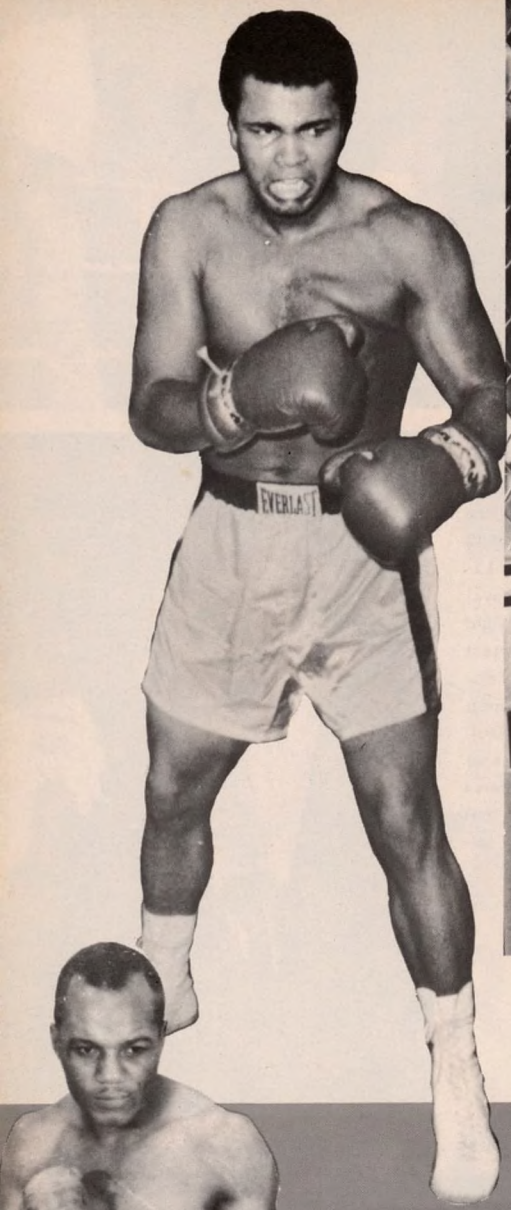


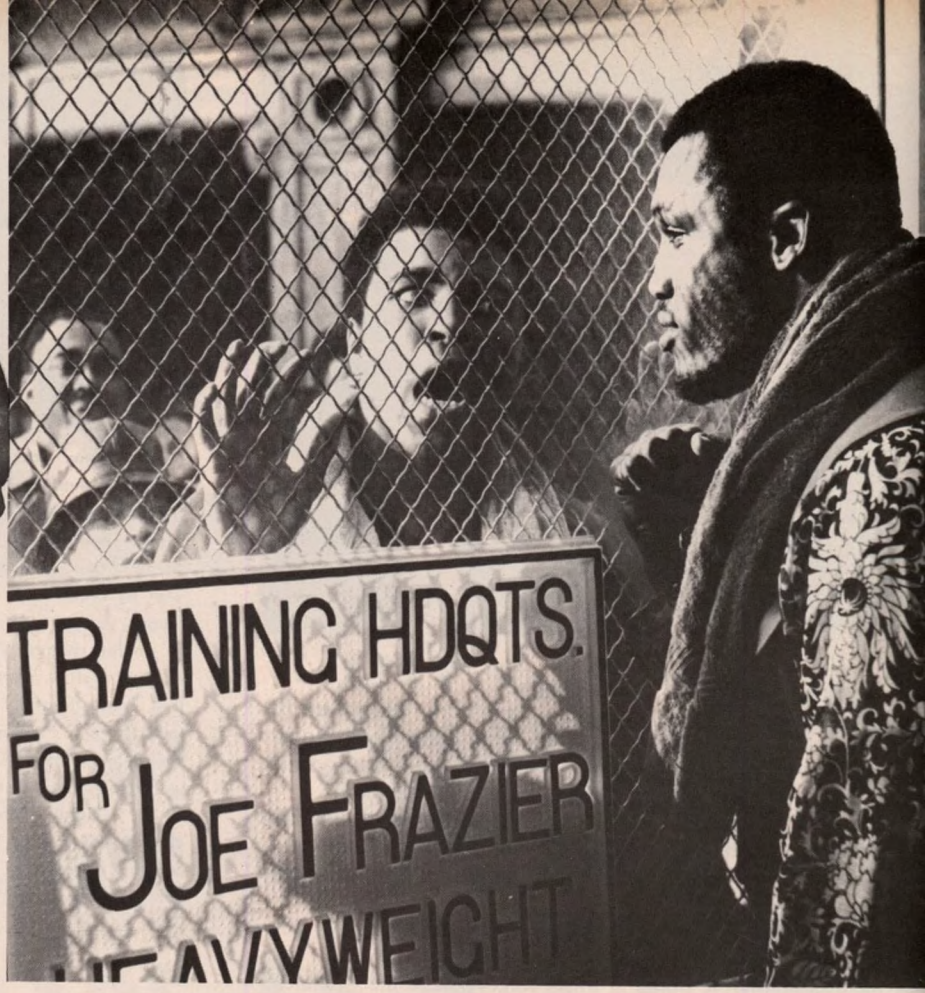
Here we see Buddy Baer knocking Joe Louis through the ropes in their first bout in 1941. Baer was disqualified by referee Arthur Donovan in the seventh round, only the second such instance in heavyweight title history, the first being Schmeling-Sharkey in 1930.

victory and many other called a draw, says that only seldom is an even-Stephen verdict possible, especially in a fight which goes 15 rounds.

"I see a draw if rounds are even, say five for one fighter and five for the other, with no one big factor like a knockdown tipping the beam," Harold said.

"You call a draw and the fans raise an uproar. You have antagonized both sides. If you make a decision either way, you have made only (*Continued on page 41*)





(Left) A scowling Cassius Clay shadow boxes, looking like the big ugly bear he used to call Sonny Liston. (Above) Clay feigns terror as he stops by Joe Frazier's training headquarters in Philadelphia before the Great Confrontation in Madison Square Garden. Clay and Frazier may not have yet reached their respective potentials and perhaps never will.

POTENTIAL: IT MAKES SOME PEOPLE WINCE

Jersey Joe Walcott (far left) and Ezzard Charles were a pair of heavyweight kings who made the most of their talents.

By NAT LOUBET

ACHIEVEMENT of a world championship inevitably marks the attainment of the ultimate goal by a professional boxer, especially in the heavyweight class. Too often the title winner feels that he can afford to rest on his laurels, that his days of hard work in the gym are over with.

However, the fact remains that many champions failed to develop their potentials to the utmost and, with the winning of world honors, closed the book in so far as learning new tricks, and bringing old ones to greater effectiveness.

Now and then a fighter entering a rematch will run off films of his first encounter, with an eye to discovering what he had done wrong. But this maneuver appears to have fallen into disuse. It's hard work, if done right.

Quite often the full growth of a potential is thwarted by a boxer's standout assets.

He may be so clever that he fails to develop his punch. He believes he has it made through adroitness.

Then there is the fighter who has a KO punch, and ignores the art of boxing because his power already has carried him to a world championship.

Outstanding current cases in point are Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay.

Frazier's powerful punch, notably his left hook, made a world champion of him. This distracted his attention from the more artful weapons of his profession.

Clay's nimble footwork, his jabs, his subtle techniques, landed him at the pinnacle and killed off whatever aspirations he may have nurtured in the way of a one punch enforcer.

Sometimes a heavyweight champion achieves the pinnacle without repression of tendencies in the direction of a good time, and thus fails to develop his true potential.

A notable case was that of Max Baer. He gained the world heavyweight title with an 11-round knockout of maladroit, over-large Primo Carnera, a synthetic fighter.

The Baer who stopped Max Schmeling in ten rounds in 1933 and had to drop Primo 11 times to take the title from the Italian, had retrograded considerably.

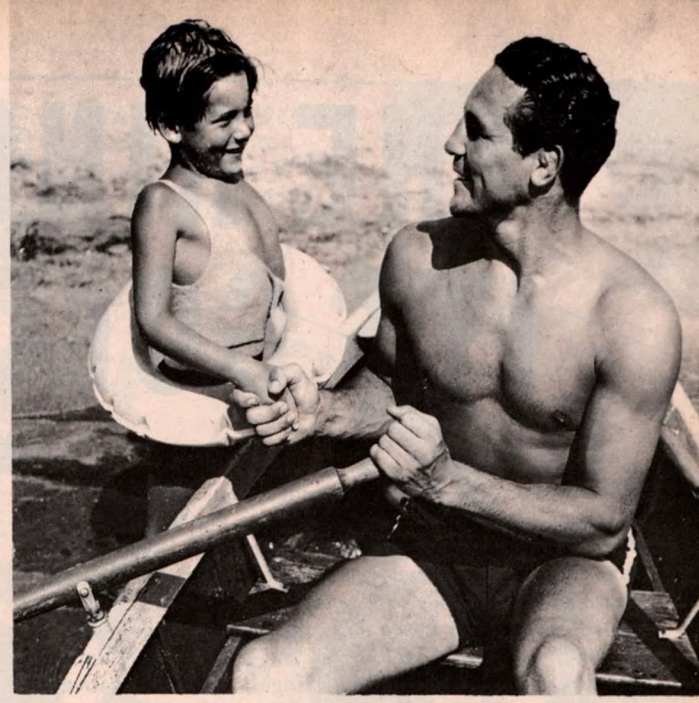
Max's failure to develop his potential stood out all the more stridently on June 13, 1935, when Jimmy Braddock not only went the 15 round distance with him, but relieved him of the world title.

Braddock was a 10 to 1 second choice. But what the odds makers did not know was that Baer had not merely stopped growing. He had slipped fatally.

Max never stopped slipping. On April 4, 1941, Lou Nova stopped him in eight rounds. That was the end of Baer's ring career. Max was only 32. At the age of 50 he was dead.

"A heavyweight can have fun for three years before it really shows," Baer told a New York boxing reporter. It showed on Baer faster than that.

Braddock was 29 when he became the world champion. He had come up the hard way. A family man highly devoted to his duties and responsibilities as such,



Handsome Max Baer, holder of the heavyweight championship for 364 days, is a prime example of what might have been. If there was anyone who did not live up to his potential it was the hard-hitting Livermore Larruper.

The man who took Baer's crown from him, Jimmy Braddock. He developed his potential to the limit, climbing boxing's pinnacle in June, 1935.

he was one titleholder who developed his potential to the limit.

Jack Dempsey, who in 81 fights scored 49 knockouts, was strictly a puncher. No boxer he, and he said so.

Gene Tunney, who took the championship from him, and kept it in a rematch, wasn't Jack's equal as a hitter. But, as Dempsey said recently, "I was surprised by Tunney's speed."

Jersey Joe Walcott, who took the title from Ezzard Charles and lost it to Rocky Marciano, did about as much as he could with his fistic assets.

He overcame a big handicap in that he reached his top form rather late in life, at the age of 37, in the 21st year of his fistic career. Joe was 38 when he was whipped by Marciano, who was 29.

Charles, like Walcott, did the most with his material. Marciano, on the other hand, got his start because of his punch and found it neither necessary nor expedient to work hard on his boxing.

Floyd Patterson was the first and only heavyweight champion to regain the title after once having lost it. He dropped the championship to Ingemar Johansson and took it back from him.

Patterson's two first round knockouts by Sonny Liston did considerable to derogate him in the all time ranking. Patterson, still listed as active, never has been a real heavyweight. He came along fast, as an Olympic champion at the age of 17. He was the 160 pound Golden Gloves leader at 16.

The case of Joe Louis, like that of Dempsey, could call for a chapter all by itself.

Joe was a great hitter. The Brown Bomber had 71 fights with 68 victories, 54 of them by knockout.

Louis was great. But there were times when he failed to live up to his vaunted all around skill and reputation.

Joe was a two fisted belter. But on occasion he was not a two fisted boxer. He made his small measure of mistakes but he never made the same errors in a return match. The second time around Louis was indomitable as the world champion.

One of the times Joe's boxing skill was second best was in the first meeting with Billy Conn, who in the 13th round had the championship on points. Then his Celtic enthusiasm came to the fore and he was knocked out.

Another match in which Joe's boxing revealed some (*Continued on page 43*)

THE RING BEGINS ITS GOLDEN YEAR

By TED CARROLL

IN this, the 50th year of its publication, The Ring surveys a social scene vastly different from that which prevailed back in 1922, the year of its inception. In the long years since, countless periodicals of every description have come and gone. Few publications survive long enough to enjoy a Golden Jubilee. Second only to the phenomenon of 49 successive years of monthly editions is the ample and enduring circulation of the magazine in countries where English is not the native language. Complimented on their facility in English, the young members of a visiting German amateur boxing squad credited much of their knowledge of the language to a longtime subscription to The Ring. An interest in boxing beginning in childhood had become correlated with fluency in a second language by supplementing the regular English courses they had received in school.

Reminiscence, records and research often cause The Ring to rely upon names famous long ago. This is in response to nostalgic subscribers who have fond memories of the idols of their younger years, but current editions have been subject to the winds of change. Like the sport of boxing itself, The Ring has been ahead of its time in social attitudes—particularly racial. Boxing had its black champions when Negroes were excluded from practically everything else and the policy of this magazine has been consistent with the sport itself. The appearance of Joe Louis on the cover of the magazine created a sensation 35 years ago. In those days this was in violation of a persistent taboo against featuring a Negro in this manner and most of the cataclysm of correspondence which deluged Editor Nat Fleischer was of a denunciatory nature. How different things are today! Joe Louis is almost a semi-deity to the American public and Blacks have become preferred subjects as cover material for periodicals and magazines on every subject.

But that wasn't the way it was back in 1922 when The Ring was born and this magazine pioneered in this respect. Not only racially but in many other ways, life in 1922 differed vastly from today's existence. The struggling middle class was stubbornly driving a wedge between the social stratification of rich and poor but the Age of Affluence was decades away. In those times a moon landing would have been far more credible than the prospect of two Negro fighters ever being paid five million dollars for a boxing match. Such a prediction would have raised doubts of the seer's sanity. A rancid, racist residue of the Johnson era had made black boxers—especially heavyweights—the stepchildren of the sport.

Johnson's reign and the resultant racial malaise which muddled the public mind had reduced the black boxer to little more than a ragged bystander watching the boxing parade go by, when The Ring first appeared on newsstands. When one researches back to the racial rantings and ravings which revolved about the Jeffries and Johnson match in 1910 one must marvel at the recovery which has been made from the racial psychosis of those times.

The Johnson-Jeffries fight had a social significance greatly similar to the Clay-Frazier meeting since it caused abrasions highly irrelevant to the fight itself. Far from being just sporting contests, both matches fomented deeper and undesirable emotions. The "white supremacy" fever against Johnson was so fervid that not even Jeffries escaped its heat following his defeat. He was excoriated for the weakness of his effort, with such press notices as this when he made a visit to New York City almost a year later, "Jeffries' arrival in city worth this much." (A blank space then appeared, with this comment beneath it) "Space consumed by following article gives idea of enthusiasm over big fellow's visit." The item went on to refer to Jeffries as "the retired ex-heavyweight champion who carried down a nation's hope in his losing battle with Jack Johnson."

Jeffries had never relished the role in which he had been cast as the "Caucasian Crusader." He was not a biased man and years later strongly criticized Jack Dempsey for not meeting Harry Wills. But he was money-conscious and the $100,000 guarantee promoter Tex Rickard dangled before him broke down his reluctance to "redeem the white race," the inflammatory come-on which swept the country as part of the pre-fight bally-hoo. The defiicit in Jeffries' desire to enkindle the racial issue was readily supplied by former champion James J. Corbett in his role of advisor and confidante of the Boilermaker.

Beneath the veneer of his celebrated savoir-faire and pseudo elegance, "Gentleman Jim" Corbett masked an acid disposition which had made his career one of feuding bitterness. He had spat at English rival Charley Mitchell; hated hometown foe Joe Choynski; threatened to attack Bob Fitzsimmons on the street and was on such hostile terms with John L. Sullivan that he barred the Bostonian from Jeffries' training quarters. In referring to Johnson he had said, "I'm sure that Johnson has a yellow streak, heart deep. There's not a Negro who is not a coward when it comes to the test."

With archaic canards such as this contaminating it, it is no surprise that the atmosphere surrounding the Jeffries-Johnson fight polluted the whole nation. But there was some contradiction to the corruptive comments of the time. William Muldoon, who later became a New York Boxing Commissioner during the Dempsey-Wills controversy, lived up to his sobriquet as "The Noblest Roman of Them All" with this statement about the fight. "We are all deeply indebted to the colored man for his excellent judgment and humane action. It looked for all the world like a professor of boxing giving a big strong country pupil a lesson and and an exceedingly stupid pupil. Johnson talked very pleasantly all through the contest to Jeffries . . . at no time did he resort to rough or brutal work."

Sentiments such as there were rare and the racial effluvia of 1910 still hung over the world of boxing when The Ring made it bow in 1922.

Like the Frazier-Clay clash, the Johnson-Jeffries battle had its troubles finding a haven. Originally set for California, the Governor, after all negotiations had been concluded, suddenly about-faced and expelled the match (supposedly at the insistence of his wife who became irate when she learned belatedly of Johnson's interracial marriage). Unlike Jeffries and Johnson and Ali and Frazier, Dempsey and Wills were never fortunate enough to meet, while at the same time sharing in what could have been the biggest fight (*Continued on page 42*)

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 15, 1971

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.

1— **CASSIUS CLAY**, Louisville, Ky.
2— **GEORGE FOREMAN**, Hayward, Calif.
3— **OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
4— **JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5— **MAC FOSTER**, Fresno, Calif.
6— **HENRY COOPER**, England
7— **GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
8— **JOSE IBAR URTAIN**, Spain
9— **JOSE LUIS GARCIA**, Venezuela
10— **FLOYD PATTERSON**, New York, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.

1— **VICENTE RONDON**, Venezuela
2— **GOMEO BRENNAN**, Bahamas
3— **JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
4— **DICK TIGER**, Nigeria
5— **HAL CARROLL**, Syracuse, N. Y.
6— **MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
7— **CONNY VELENSEK**, Germany
8— **LARRY BUCK**, Seattle, Wash.
9— **PIERO DEL PAPA**, Italy
10— **MIKE QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina

1— **NINO BENVENUTI**, Italy
2— **EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
3— **LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
4— **JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
5— **PIERRE FOURIE**, South Africa
6— **CARMELO BOSSI**, Italy
7— **NESSIM COHEN**, France
8— **DOYLE BAIRD**, Akron, O.
9— **DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.
10— **TOM BOGS**. Denmark

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.

1— **JOSE NAPOLES**, Mexico
2— **ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
3— **PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
4— **ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
5— **ROBERT GALLOIS**, France
6— **HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
7— **RALPH CHARLES**, England
8— **DONATO PADUANO**, Canada
9— **MARCEL CERDAN**, France
10— **ROGER MENETREY**, France

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina

1— **BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2— **EDDIE PERKINS**, Chicago, Ill.
3— **BUNNY GRANT**, Jamaica
4— **JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
5— **ENRIQUE JANA**, Argentina
6— **JIMMY ROBERTSON**, San Francisco, Cal.
7— **LION FURUYAMA**, Japan
8— **ELY YARES**, Philippines
9— **SANDRO LOPOPOLO**, Italy
10— **NATE ROBINSON**, Los Angeles, Cal.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland

1— **ISMAEL LAGUNA**, Panama
2— **PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
3— **CARLOS HERNANDEZ**, Venezuela
4— **MANDO RAMOS**, Long Beach, Calif.
5— **AL FORD**, Canada
6— **MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ**, Spain
7— **SHINICHI KADOTA**, Japan
8— **SUGAR RAMOS**, Mexico
9— **CHANGO CARMONA**, Mexico
10— **ANTONIO CERVANTES**, Colombia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan

1— **RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2— **YOSHIAKI NUMATA**, Japan
3— **ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
4— **RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
5— **FRANK OTERO**, Miami Beach, Fla.
6— **SAMMY GOSS**, Trenton, N.J.
7— **FRANKIE CRAWFORD**, Los Angeles, Cal.
8— **ARMANDO MENDOZA**, Venezuela
9— **JOSE ACOSTA**, Venezuela
10— **HIROSHI SHOJI**, Japan

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan

1— **SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
2— **VICENTE SALDIVAR**, Mexico
3— **JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
4— **ANTONIO GOMEZ**, Venezuela
5— **RAUL CRUZ**, Mexico
6— **EDER JOFRE**, Brazil
7— **RICARDO ARREDONDO**, Mexico
8— **ERNESTO MARCEL**, Panama
9— **JIMMY REVIE**, England
10— **JOSE LUIS PIMENTEL**, San Antonio, Tex.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CHUCHO CASTILLO, Mexico

1— **RUBEN OLIVARES**, Mexico
2— **JESUS PIMENTEL**, Los Angeles, Calif.
3— **RAMON BRAVO**, Venezuela
4— **RAFAEL HERRERA**, Mexico
5— **ALAN RUDKIN**, England
6— **FRANCO ZURLO**, Italy
7— **RODOLFO MARTINEZ**, Mexico
8— **USHIWAKAMARU HARADA**, Japan
9— **ENRIQUE PINDER**, Panama
10— **TAKAO SAKURAI**, Japan

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines

1— **MASAO OHBA**, Japan
2— **CHARTCHAI CHIONOI**, Thailand
3— **EFREN TORRES**, Mexico
4— **OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
5— **BETULIO GONZALEZ**, Venezuela
6— **RICARDO DELGADO**, Mexico
7— **CESAR DESIGA**, Mexico
8— **ORLANDO AMORES**, Panama
9— **LORENZO GUTIERREZ**, Mexico
10— **BERKRERK CHARTVANCHAI**, Thailand

JOE FRAZIER FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THERE'S little question about who the Fighter of the Month is for this issue of The Ring. It's Joe Frazier, victor over Cassius Clay in the big showdown. Details of their encounter will be found in the story starting on page 6.

With Frazier the champion and Clay still the top contender, the rest of the heavyweight rankings remain the same with George Foreman, Oscar Bonavena, Jerry Quarry, Mac Foster, Henry Cooper, George Chuvalo, Jose Ibar Urtain, Jose Luis Gacia and Floyd Patterson following in that order.

A newcomer to the light heavyweight list is Conny Velensek of Germany, who defeated Italy's Piero del Papa for the European championship. Velensek thus is now rated seventh, while del Papa falls to ninth position.

Among the middleweights, reigned over by champion Carlos Monzon of Argentina, several changes have taken place since last month. Nino Benvenuti, Emile Griffith, Luis Rodriguez and Juan Carlos Duran remain in the first four niches. Pierre Fourie moves up from sixth to fifth; Carmelo Bossi from seventh to sixth; Nessim Cohen from eighth to seventh; Doyle Baird drops from fifth to eighth; Denny Moyer climbs from tenth to ninth; and Tom Bogs, the Dane, returns to the rankings in tenth position.

The lone change among the junior welters saw Nate Robinson of Los Angeles replace Gil King of Akron in the No. Ten spot.

In the lightweight division, there was a switch of positions. Shinichi Kadota of Japan, who was eighth, moved to seventh, exchanging places with Mexico's Sugar Ramos, the ex-champion of the world.

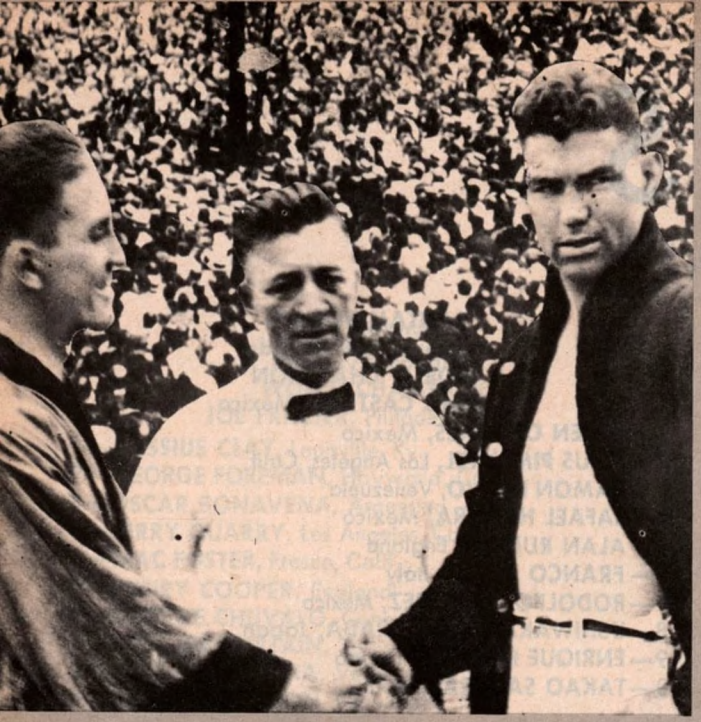
The junior lightweights, ruled over by Japan's Hiroshi Kobayashi, saw no changes. In the featherweight class, which also has a Japanese titleholder in the person of Kuniaki Shibata, Ricardo Arredondo of Mexico jumped from ninth to seventh position, with England's Jimmy Revie going the other way, from seventh to ninth, following his loss to Jose Legra.

The division that saw the biggest upheaval of the month was the bantamweight. Chucho Castillo of Mexico remains the champion, of course, with countryman Ruben Olivares and Jesus Pimentel remaining Nos. one and two, respectively. Now come the changes. Ramon Bravo is now third, moving up a notch. Rafael Herrera, another Mexican is fourth, up from fifth. Number five is England's Alan Rudkin, up from eighth, rewarded for his 11-round knockout of Franco Zurlo for the European title. Zurlo drops from third to sixth. Rudolfo Martinez is seventh, followed by Ushiwakamaru Harada, eighth, Enrique Pinder, ninth, and Takao Sakurai, tenth.

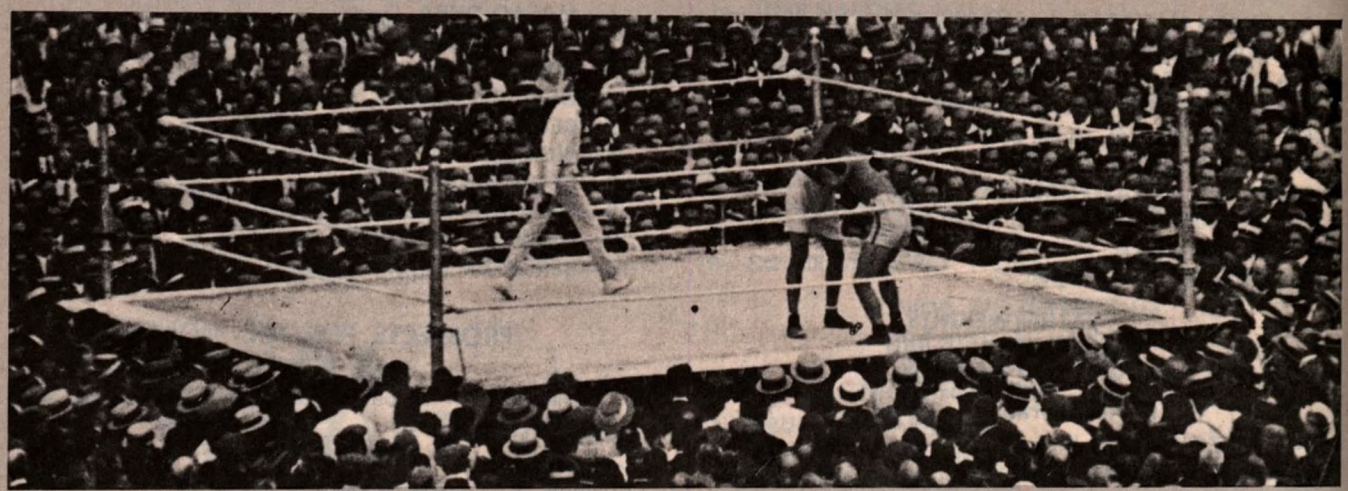
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

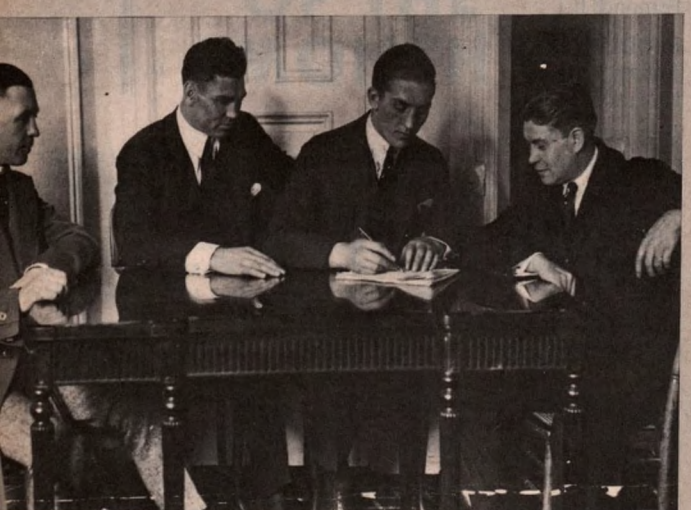
Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Gene Owens Brighton, N.J.	7/70	5	4	1	0	1
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Tom Dragon Esmond, R.I.	4/70	8	8	0	0	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Young Kennedy Hawaii	2/70	8	7	1	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Chuck Mince Westwego, La.	12/68	7	7	0	0	2
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Roland Trotman New York, N.Y.	10/68	8	7	0	1	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Giuliano Lai Italy	7/69	7	7	0	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Garry Dean Australia	5/70	8	5	1	2	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Venice Shell Thailand	1/70	12	12	0	0	6

50 YEARS SINCE 1st MILLION $$$ GATE



(Above) Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey shake hands as referee Harry Ertle watches. Trio is superimposed on background of huge throng at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City on July 2, 1921. (Below) Some first round action in the contest that produced the first million dollar gate.





Inking the contracts for the historic meeting is Carpentier as (left to right) Jack Kearns, Dempsey and Francois Descamps look on.

By JERSEY JONES

A half-century ago, on Saturday afternoon, July 2, 1921, a new era in boxing was ushered in. In a mammoth wooden bowl, erected for the occasion on Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier played to the ring's first million-dollar gate. The gross receipts were $1,789,000 contributed by 80,183 witnesses. Boxing had become Big Business.

Now, 50 years later, another era on the industry was introduced by Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay, who attracted from $7,000,000 to $10,000,000 in their meeting in New York's Madison Square Garden. This figure includes not only the Garden's box-office total but the tremendous revenue from closed-television shown all over the world, with probably 100,000,000 looking in on the action. Big Business has become Bigger Business.

Dempsey and Carpentier did not have the advantage of collecting from television—there was no TV in those days—but the bout did earn one important distinction. It was the first major ring engagement to be broadcast by radio.

The end, as referee Ertle counts out Carpentier and declares Dempsey the victor in the fourth round.

Financially, there was a vast difference in what Dempsey and Carpentier were paid and what Frazier and Clay are guaranteed for their showdown. The usually astute Jack Kearns, managing Manassa Jack, did not fully appreciate what a tremendous attraction the meeting with Carpentier would prove to be, and he considered it an excellent deal when he accepted Promoter Tex Rickard's offer of $200,000. Francois Descamps, also a shrewd operator, likewise thought he had engineered a smart arrangement when he agreed to take $100,000. (Dempsey later collected another $4,000 for his end of the motion picture rights, but it is not known what, if anything, Carpentier received from the cinema showings.

Now we have Frazier and Clay each guaranteed $2,500,000 for their Garden clash!

Some interesting comparisons can be drawn from the conflicting styles of the opponents in the two bouts. Both battles paired fighters against boxers. In the Jersey City episode it was the fighter who won. Dempsey was too big, too strong and too savage a puncher for the visiting Frenchman and the affair ended in the fourth round, but the Coloradoan had to survive the jolting effects of a sizzling right with which Carpentier nailed him in the second session. It was the sort of clout Gorgeous Georges had used to flatten many a European rival, and had knocked Battling Levinsky loose from the world light heavyweight title in Jersey City's West Side Park the previous Columbus Day.

It was this triumph that led to talk of a likely Carpentier match with Dempsey.

Ever the opportunist, Tex Rickard became fascinated by the possibilities of an international world heavyweight championship bout. Logical opponents for Dempsey were scarce, and Carpentier's exploits in Europe and his popularity with the French made him an ideal challenger for the heavyweight title.

After lining up the principals, Rickard's main problem was a site for the arena. He scouted around and finally made connections with the late Frank Hague, then mayor of Jersey City and boss of the New Jersey Democratic party. It was Hague who suggested the vast open spaces of Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Building a stadium was next on Richard's agenda

The stadium was designed to accommodate 91,613 but it developed that this figure was a bit too high.

Although Rickard was a strong advocate of holidays for important bouts, he decided on Saturday, July 2, for this one. In the event of rain, he still would have a holiday, the 4th, for the date. Prices were scaled from $100 for seats in the first two rows of the ringside, down to $50, $37.50, $25 and $20, with general admissions ranging from $10 to $4 and $5.

A sellout was assured the night before the bout, when all but a few scattered general admission tickets were still on sale.

It was a hectic time in Jersey City, with hotels, and restaurants crowded to their capacities, and thousands of fans unable to find accommodations. It still rates as the biggest event ever promoted in Mayor Hague's bailiwick.

It was announced that Harry Ertle a native Jersey Cityan, and one of the state's outstanding referees, would handle the main bout. No decisions were permitted in New Jersey in those days, but no one figured the bout would last its scheduled twelve rounds and would be terminated by a knockout.

Dempsey had done his training in Atlantic City, while Carpentier did most of his prepping at Manhasset, out on Long Island. Both looked trim and in top condition at weighing-in but Dempsey seemed to have all the physical advantages. He had a two-inch edge in height, the same in reach, and 20 pounds in weight. Carpentier's avoirdupois was announced as 172, but later it was learned he actually scaled 168.

The late Leo P. Flynn, Rickard's matchmaker, arranged a strong supporting card for the preliminary bouts. It was only natural for Frankie Burns to appear in one of the bouts. Frankie had been one of Jersey City's outstanding ringsters, as a ranking contender for both the world bantamweight and featherweight championship. To all intents, Burns had retired from ring competition, but as a fitting gesture to his popularity and great record he wanted to appear on the most elaborate fight card ever staged in Jersey City. His opponent was an up-and-coming New Yorker named Packey O'Gatty.

Burns and O'Gatty were to tangle in the curtain-raiser, as a tryout for the coming radio broadcast, and during their bout a few raindrops. (*Continued on page 64*)

A panoramic view of the vast wooden arena as it slowly filled up with anxious patrons awaiting what was then advertised as the Battle of the Century.

BLUE JAGUAR MORODI EYES TITLE

(Above) Anthony Morodi (second from right) has a chat with Cassius Clay soon after his arrival in New York from South Africa. On the left is Harry Wiley, veteran trainer. At right is Morodi's manager-trainer, Theo Mthembu. (Below) Morodi bundles up for a day of shopping in Gotham.

By DAVE SPILLANE

ANTHONY "Blue Jaguar" Morodi is the national junior lightweight and lightweight champion of Black South Africa. In fact if it were not for the fact that his country's apartheid laws prevent Blacks and Whites from boxing against each other he undoubtedly would be undisputed champion of all South Africa, Black and White.

Morodi is hailed as the modern Henry Armstrong. Apart from being dual champion of his country he has also held titles in the bantamweight and featherweight classes and has beaten fighters from the United States, Philippines, Jamaica and Rhodesia.

Now he has come to the U.S. and will fight anywhere in the world in quest of a title in any division from 126 to 135 pounds.

Morodi was born on April 9, 1943 in Lyndenburg in the Eastern Transvaal. His father was a cobbler, Phillip Morodi. His mother's name was Lena. The other two children were girls, Dorah, the eldest and Rosalia, the youngest.

When Tony was only three years of age his parents were divorced. His father was given custody of two children. The youngest, Rosalia, hardly a year old, was left in the custody of Mrs. Morodi.

Morodi Senior sent little Tony and his sister Dorah to a Roman Catholic Boarding School, Maria Trost, in Lydenburg. He continued with his shoemaking business which he supplemented by working in a grocery store.

Because Morodi pere was a devoted Roman Catholic he never married again and looked after his children. He visited them every weekend, at the school. Mrs. Morodi re-married and Tony and Dorah lost trace of her for years.

Little Tony could not stand to see his poor father struggle to pay for them at the boarding school. Things became even bleaker for Tony in 1953 when Dorah died.

In 1955 Tony, only 12 years old, packed his bag and went to live near Johannesburg with an uncle in the sprawling African village of Soweto,

just 15 miles west of the city. He attended a local Roman Catholic School in Orlando West. At the end of 1957, he left the school to work in Joburg.

A gifted athlete, Tony played soccer. After leaving school he joined Mofolo Dynamos Football Club. He played center-forward and in a short time he was star of the side and hero of Soweto, the Harlem of Joburg.

On a Sunday afternoon in 1958 after Tony had turned in another brilliant performance, he was spotted by his present manager and trainer, Theo Mthembu.

Mthembu, a sport reporter for a Sunday Non-Racial paper, The Post, saw Tony score three goals for Mofolo Dynamos who beat Kliptown Rangers.

After the match, Mthembu, who runs a boxing club, said he saw in Morodi's footwork on the field and his sharp-shooting, great boxing potentials. He invited the youngster to join his club and train to be a boxer.

The following day, Morodi was at the Dube Boxing Club to train. Since then he has never loafed. In 1962 he took part in his first amateur boxing championships as a featherweight. He went to the finals of the Johannesburg and District Amateur Boxing Association but did not compete in the final because he had to meet a stablemate, Alfred Buqwana.

In 1963 he won the Johannesburg and District and Transvaal amateur featherweight titles. He lost in the finals of the South African championships.

Tony successfully defended his district and provincial amateur title in 1964 and turned professional in December of that year.

Morodi made a fine debut in the paid ranks by knocking out a veteran featherweight, Amos Nkosi, in two rounds. Morodi has engaged in 65 professional fights—won 58, lost five and drew one. Almost half of Morodi's wins were inside the distance and he never has been knocked out.

On a visit to the offices of The Ring, Morodi goes over a copy of the latest issue with managing editer Nat Loubet.

Tony was leading contender for the South African featherweight title after only seven pro fights but he could not fight for the championship because the holder was his stablemate, Levy "Golden Boy" Madi.

In December 1967 he went down to the bantamweights and challenged Caswell Juqula for the title. He won it on points after 12 rounds, in which he floored the champion seven times.

Morodi successfully defended the title twice, against John Mthimkhulu and Rex Ngcongwane. He won both fights by KO in the 12th and last round.

Because of weight difficulty, Morodi quit the 118 pound division in 1969 and went up to fight the lightweights. In November, 1969, he won the newly-created South African junior lightweight title by outpointing Richard Borias over 12 rounds.

In February 1970, he defeated Enoch Nhlapo for the South African lightweight crown. Nhlapo had held the crown since 1958.

In the last two years Morodi beat seven imported boxers. Morodi has beaten Tiger Sheke (Rhodesia) KO 3; Bill Whittenburg (U.S.A.) pts., 10rds; Jerry Stokes (U.S.A.) KO 2; Percy Hayles (Jamaica) pts., 10rds; Jet Parker (Honolulu) pts., 10rds; Baby Cassius (U.S.A.) pts., 10rds; Bobby Lee (U.S.A.) pts., 10rds.

The Hayles fight, says Morodi, was his toughest.

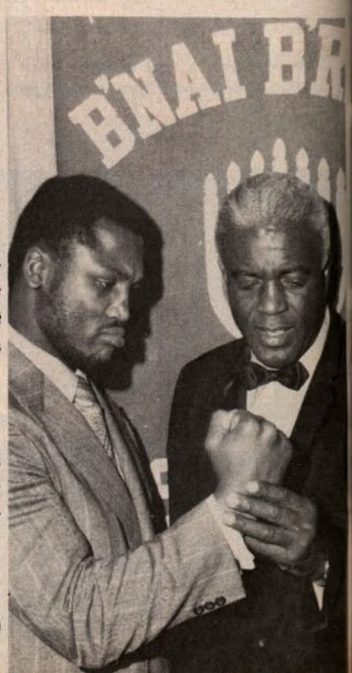
Morodi gets a real taste of what a winter in New York is like as he cleans some snow from an automobile.

RING CAMERA CLICKS

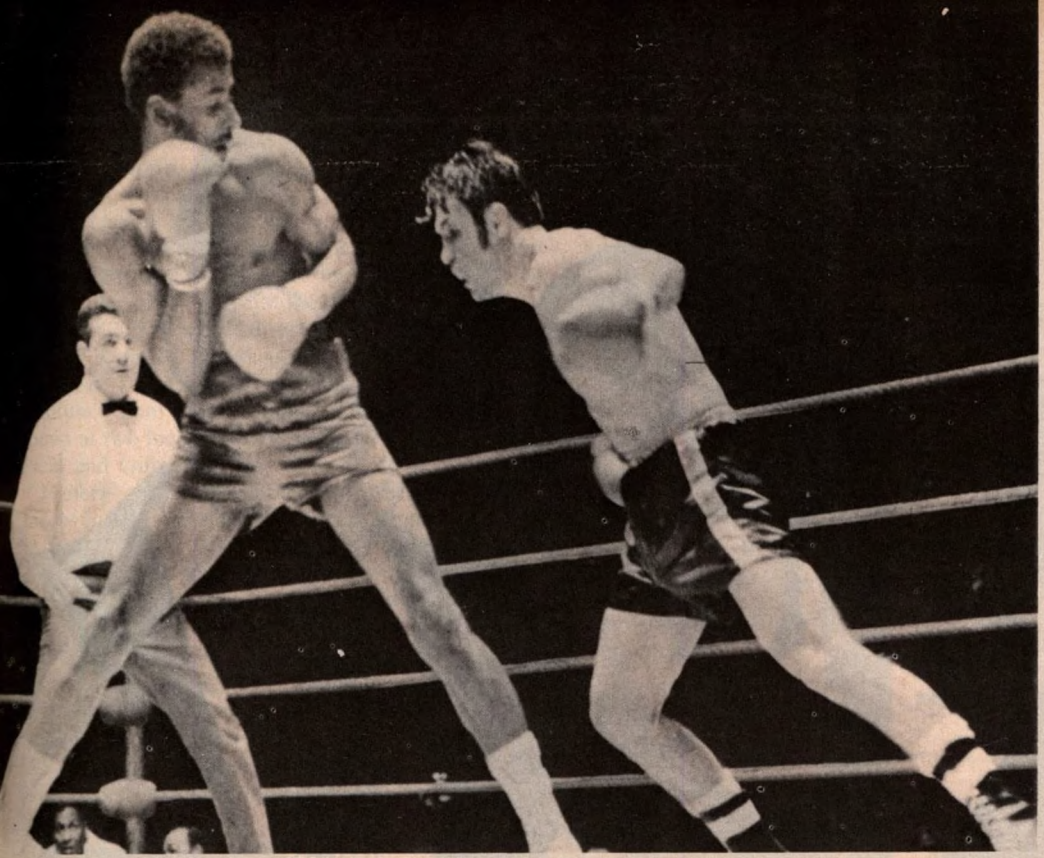
Spain's Miguel Velasquez (left) sends a straight left to the chin of Antonio Puddu of Italy during their European lightweight championship contest at Barcelona. Velasquez, the defending champion, was the winner on points.

Entertainer Maurice Chevalier "punches" Georges Carpentier right on the button at a boxing awards ceremony in Paris. Refereeing is current French lightweight champion Rene Roque.

(Left) Rocky Graziano applies the finishing touch to Sugar Ray Robinson's makeup on the set of the ABC television series, "Mod Squad." The boxers were working in a segment entitled "Comback," which they're both a bit old to attempt.



(Right) Baseball's Jackie Robinson inspects the mighty right fist of Joe Frazier at the recent B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge awards dinner in New York.

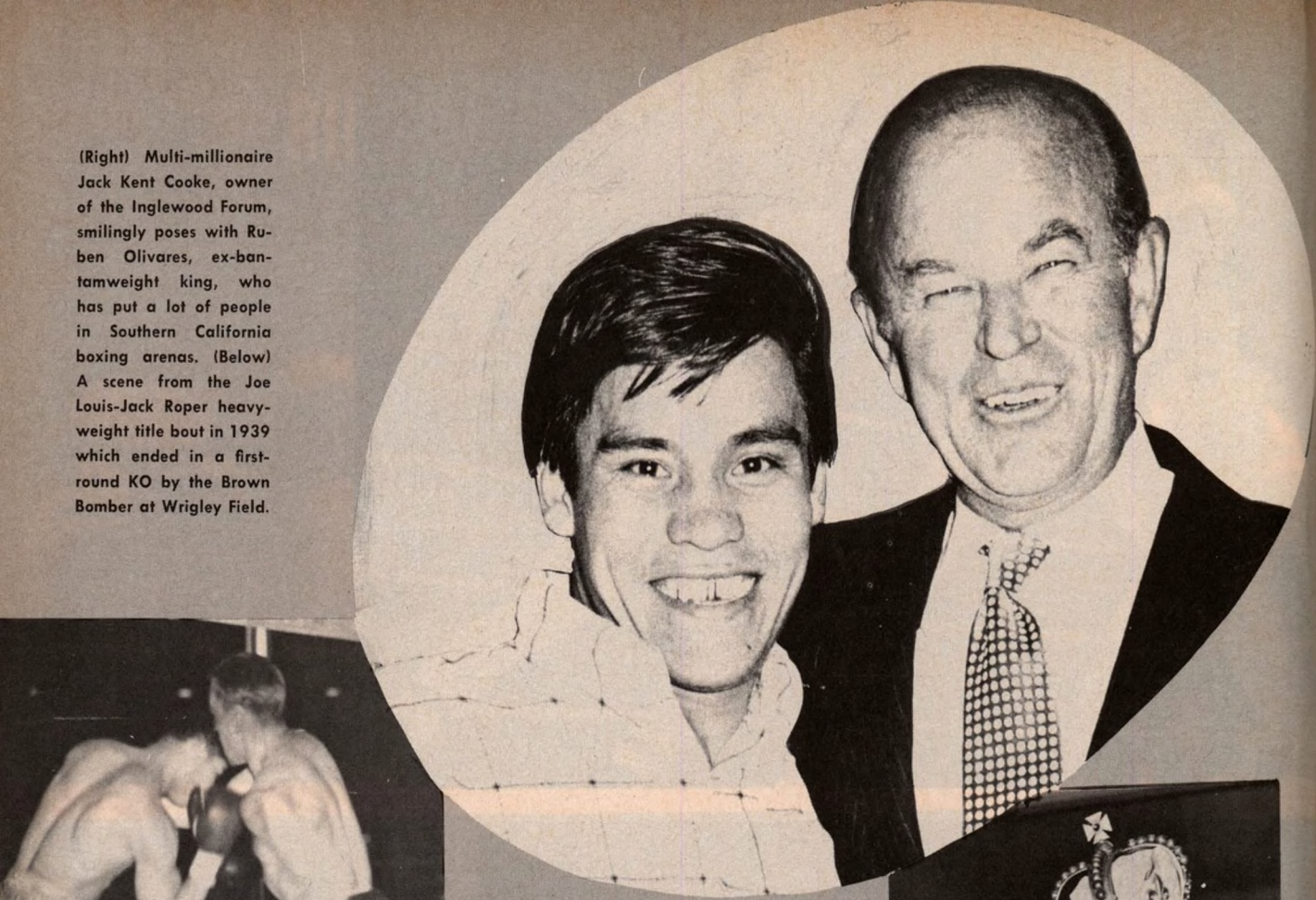


Welterweight king Billy Backus (right) lunges at Bobby (Songbird) Williams during their non-title contest at Syracuse, N.Y. Backus captured a unanimous nod in 12 rounds.

Levi Forte is about to hit the deck for the first of three times in the second round after being tagged by ex-heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson at Miami Beach. Patterson was awarded the victory at 2:20 of the round.

Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, the ex-European heavyweight titleholder, lifts a Fiat-500 as his trainer, Libero Golinelli, changes a tire at Urtain's training headquarters at Imola, Italy.

(Right) Multi-millionaire Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Inglewood Forum, smilingly poses with Ruben Olivares, ex-bantamweight king, who has put a lot of people in Southern California boxing arenas. (Below) A scene from the Joe Louis-Jack Roper heavyweight title bout in 1939 which ended in a first-round KO by the Brown Bomber at Wrigley Field.



So. Cal's Come A Long Way From Naud Junction To Inglewood

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, Calif.— Professional boxing first saw light of day in the Southern California area back in the late 1890's with the action at a place called "Naud Junction", located in he downtown section of an infant Los Angeles.

Tom McCarey, father of Oscar winning director Leo, was one of the early promoters. Heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries appeared on many cards at the Junction and in the early 1900's, Jack Johnson was featured on many shows.

"Naud Junction" was replaced by Jack Doyle's Vernon Arena, now a section almost devoted to meat packing houses. The greats and near greats appeared there.

Jess Willard KO'd Bull Young there in 11 rounds in 1913. Abe Attell defended his world featherweight title several times at Vernon and the likes of Battling Nelson, Jimmy Britt, Fidel LaBarba, Jimmy McLarnin, Ad Wolgast, Bert Colima, Joe Rivers and countless others were Vernon favorites.

There were several small clubs in the Los Angeles area, but the chief competition

Though never a world champion, Art Aragon was a longtime favorite among the Angelenos, who flocked to see him every time he fought.

was the American Legion Stadium in Hollywood.

Fire leveled Vernon in the early 1920's and the Olympic Auditorium, with the above mentioned Jack Doyle at the helm, was opened in 1924. The Olympic Aud was later used for the boxing, wrestling and fencing events for the 1932 Olympic Games.

The Legion Stadium had a steady clientele of famous stars such as Doug Fairbanks Sr., Charlie Chaplin, Lupe Velez, Bebe Daniels and Clara Bow to name a few. Frank Crowley was the first matchmaker followed by Tom (Slow Burn) Kennedy, one of the original Keystone Cops.

Tom Gallery, later director of sports for the National Broadcasting Company, was also a matchmaker for the Legion Stadium. Tom also promoted outdoor shows at two local baseball parks, Wrigley Field and Gilmore Field.

Gallery was co-promoter with Mike Jacobs for the 1939 Joe Louis-Jack Roper heavyweight title fight at Wrigley.

One fight that never came off at Wrigley and caused a riot was scheduled between Ace Hudkins and Joe Dundee. Dick Donald was the promoter. The beef was over money due Dundee. The result was that Max Waxman, manager of Dundee, wouldn't let him enter the ring. So, irate fans started tossing anything they could get their hands on and many left the stadium with chairs.

During the 47-year-old span of the Olympic Auditorium, promoters and matchmakers came and went on a regular basis.

Gallery, Suey Welch, Harry Popkin, Joe Lynch, Snowy Baker, Joe Waterman, Wad Whadams, Jimmy Murray and former light heavyweight champ Jack Root, held forth at the downtown building during the twenties and thirties.

In 1942, Cal and Aileen Eaton took over the Olympic lease. Cal passed away in 1966, but Aileen still supervises the boxing, while son Mike LeBell handles the wrestling and is general manager of the Auditorium.

George Parnassus was associated with the Eatons from 1957 to 1966. More on Parnassus later.

The big years in Southland boxing were in the late 40's, following the end of World War II.

Both the Olympic and Hollywood Legion played to sellout crowds every week. Babe McCoy, now deceased, took care of the match-making for the Eatons, while Charlie McDonald ran the Legion.

Many small clubs spring up in San Pedro, Long Beach, Whittier, Santa Barbara, Bakersfield, Oxnard, Redondo Beach and Wilmington.

Mexican boys like Manuel Ortiz, Enrique Bolanos, Carlos Chavez, Fabela Chavez and Baby Arizmendi were prime favorites. Others like Henry Armstrong Jackie (Cleveland) Wilson, Ceferino Garcia, John Thomas, Fitzie Fitspatrick, Watson Jones, Archie Moore, Freddy Beshore, Turkey Thompson and Harold Dade had their followings.

Then the bottom starting leaking.

Television on a local and national level kept fans home. Strikes by various boxing managers groups, plus the stiff competition of others, such as the football Rams and the big racetracks, caused rust at the turnstiles.

(Above) Aileen Eaton, who still holds forth as supervisor of boxing at the Olympic Auditorium. (Left) Abe Attell, rated as one of the greatest featherweight kings of all, defended his crown several times at Jack Doyle's old Vernon Arena.

The 50's would have been awfully dull if it wasn't for Golden Boy, Art Aragon, a cruel, slashing puncher, who was the box office king for a five-year span.

Aragon lost fights, yet would bounce back to excite the population. He lost the big ones to Jimmy Carter, Vince Martinez and Carmen Basilio—but his style made 'em all interesting.

An investigation of California boxing in 1955 saw the banishment of Babe McCoy. In 1957, Parnassus teamed with the Eatons. In the next few years they promoted Archie Moore vs. Tony Anthony; Alphonse Halimi vs. Raton Macias; Virgil Akins vs. Don Jordan; Halimi vs. Jose Becerra; and Davey Moore vs. Hogan Bassey championship fights.

The first boxing card ever staged in the mammoth Los Angeles Coliseum was a Parnassus-Eaton promotion in 1960. Becerra KO'd Halimi to retain the bantam crown, while Carlos Ortiz put down Battling Torres for the junior welterweight title. The attendance of 32,000 and the gate of $383,000 still stands as California records.

Another smash for the Parnassus-Eaton combine was the first and only promotion at Dodger Stadium. This was the show in 1963 in which Davey Moore suffered fatal injuries in losing to Sugar Ramos. Cuban Luis Rodriguez upset Emile Griffith for the welter crown on the same bill. The gate (*Continued on page 43*)

George Parnassus, (center), the man who runs boxing at the Forum, poses with (l. to r.) Nick Peters, Ceferino Garcia, Fabela Chavez and Enrique Bolanos, all former Southern California ring greats.

PUNCH LINES

FRAZIER-CLAY EXTRAVAGANZA

I am too far from New York to regard the price scale for the Frazier-Clay agair, with its $150 top, as something involving me personally. Also, I do not have even the minimum of $2 to spend on a fight.

But I am concerned, just the same. The whole thing is a financial atrocity and the backlash on boxing will not be good for the game.

Where do promoters get the guts to charge $150, and where do they get the guts to pay fighters $2,500,000 each? Wotinell is going on in this country?

Dave Gumprecht
Los Angeles, Cal.

"NO GOOD, BUT WHO CARES?"

The financial arrangements for the Frazier-Clay fight were fantastic, incredible, harmful.

However, I had no interest in these arrangements from the money side. Let the Madison Avenue boys in New York worry about the after effect.

Believe me, Ring Magazine, nothing good can come of this.

Elwood Crawshaw
Muskegon, Mich.

ATTENTION AMATEURS

In regard to your "Punch Lines" of February. It is about time some professional attention was paid to the amateurs, other than the bread and gravy Olympic year recognition.

That The Ring is going to do such a thing for the amateurs is admirable and long overdue.

Edward Denhie
Inglewood, Cal.

PERSSON WAS NO CHAMPION

In The Ring of January, you printed a letter from Thomas C. Bargas in which he said that Swedish heavyweight Harry Persson became European champion by knocking out Phil Scott in London in 1926.

This fight wasn't for any title. Persson never became European champion. The champion was Paolino Uzcudun of Spain, who won the title on May 18, 1926 by outpointing Ermino Spalla of Italy.

After knocking out Scott in 11 rounds, Harry came to the U.S.A. He beat Johnny Risko, Carl Carter and Jack Adams, but lost to Bud Gorman, Pat McCarthy and Jim Maloney. These fights took place in 1926. He also lost to Piet vander Veer and Otto von Porat.

Hans Dunder
Halmstad, Sweden

HOORAY FOR NEW YORK

Hooray for New York. $150 to see a fight. A $50 match in Houston became a $150 fight in Gotham. I read in The Ring that New York had to outbid Houston. Well, Houston, with all of its oil millionaires, never was better than a $50 town in boxing, if that.

In short, Houston rinky-dinked New York into making a bid which Houston never could have matched by one quarter.

New York is a sucker city in many respects. Like letting its cops go on strike, like supporting more than a million on relief.

Messrs. Ring Editors, you are welcome to Broadway and I will stick with San Antonio.

John K. Willing
San Antonio, Texas

CLAY VS. DEMPSEY? HUH!

In your February edition Jack Dempsey told how he feels Cassius Clay would have fared against him in his day. To compare Clay to Jack is a disgrace to boxing. Clay is one of the best we've had in ten years. But to compare him to the likes of Dempsey, Louis, Tunney or Conn is a joke. These immortals had to stiffen over 60 men at least to get a title shot in boxing's hey-day. Clay, on the other hand, has had some 30 bouts. Those title bouts against Liston are rejects. Zora Folley, Terrell, Williams and Mildenberger were all past their prime.

Is this really great enough to justify a spot among boxing's all-time greats?

John Michaelis
Carson, Cal.

TRIBUTE TO BURNS

Tommy Burns was a good scientific boxer. I read his book on scientific boxing and self defense. He was little more than a light heavyweight at the time Johnson beat him. Jack Johnson had knocked out heavier opponents in less than the 14 rounds he needed to beat Tommy.

R. Duncan
Winnipeg, Can.

THREE CHEERS FOR CLAY

This letter is my reaction to your article concerning the Clay vs. Quarry bout. I think this article was grossly unjustified and proved detrimental not only to Clay and Quarry but cast a shadow on boxing in general. Those who are so staunch in their belief that law is law and should be obeyed shouldn't even question the court ruling that allows Clay to earn a living like any other man.

Clay should be considered a free man until all of his appeals have been exhausted. Dodging the draft is not the only "crime" (if you can call it that) Clay has committed. He is also black, perhaps a worse crime than the one he is on trial for.

I know you won't print this but remember what I say and think about it. I also want to say I think your magazine is the greatest but I was disappointed at the article about Clay and Quarry.

Rocky Petruluzzi
Mobile, Ala.

AN APPEAL FOR RADIO

Why did they stop broadcasting championship fights via radio?

This is the only way I was able to keep up with the fights. We don't have TV, so radio broadcasts are the only way we are able to hear of the championship fights.

After waiting all these months for the fights to take place I don't hear about them till I get The Ring.

This is very disappointing for boxing fans who don't have TV or any other way to keep up with championship fights. I hope they will soon resume broadcasting the fights.

I've been a boxing fan for many years and have never missed a championship fight until recently.

Junior Lukin
Port Lions, Alaska

THIS MAN IS ANGRY

I am really mad. Your article on Foreman and Kirkman stunk. All you did was run Kirkman into the ground by calling him a myth and smearing his talents in general. I remember reading in your magazine about three years ago an article on Kirkman. You people seemed to think he was great at the time because he was on his winning streak.

Remember Doug Jones beat him and he came back and gave Jones a beating. I'm not trying to degrade Foreman in any way. He deserves to be rated one of the best heavyweights in the world. I just want to point out that boxers are human and should be treated as such.

What would happen if you wrote something like that about Foreman? Don't you think it might have an effect on his mind and promising career.

Bob Sanders
Casa Grande, Arizona

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH—Nessim (Max) Cohen, a French Moroccan Jewish middleweight, relates a funny story about his amateur career. He was a member of the Moroccan team which participated in the Pan Arab Games in the middle 60's. Max goes on to say: "When I got to the finals the Egyptians screamed like mad. They said a Jew had no right to be in the final, but I won anyway. Then they asked me to come to fight in Cairo with the Moroccan team. But I'm not out of my mind. I stayed behind and the rest of the guys on the team, Arabs, got stones thrown at them".

The Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisc. is getting into the boxing grind in the near future under the direction of Joe Kellman. The bouts will be between men only! No bunnies allowed.

Brisbane, Australia, police, alerted by a phone call, rushed over to the boxing arena and held up a bout between lightweights Lionel Rose and Jeff White between the fourth and fifth rounds. They frantically searched the grandstand for a bomb. The only bomb turned out to be Rose, who failed in his bid for the Australian lightweight title.

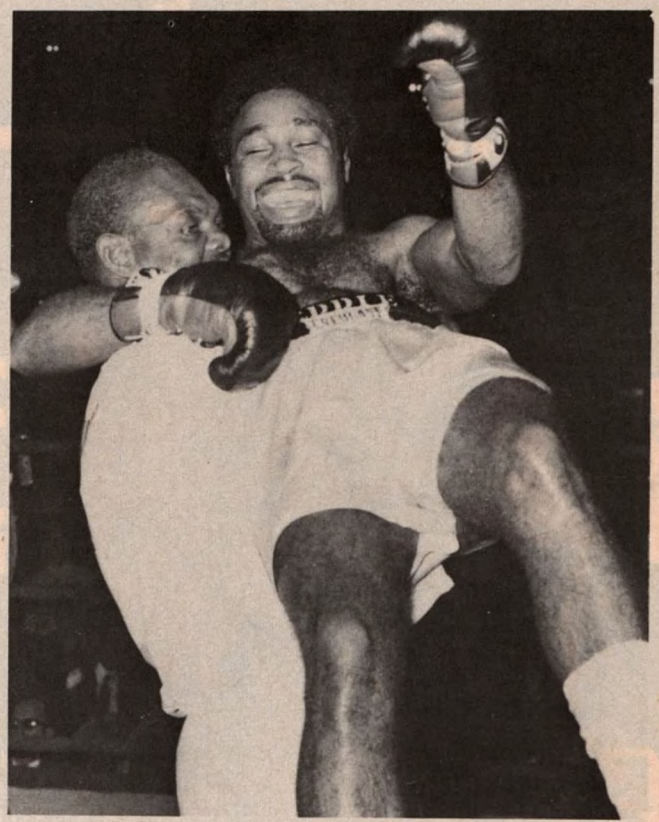
Tragedy struck in Houston during an amateur card. Joe Juarez, the previous year's outstanding novice boxer, was kayoed in his first bout in this year's tournament. His family was at ringside, watching. While Joe was on his way to the deck, his father suffered an apparent heart attack. He was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

A breakfast dance after the Clay-Frazier bout was held at the Americana Hotel's Imperial Room. It was sponsored by Ronnie Holly (Ronnie's Casual Boutique-N.Y.) and businessman Pal Williams (Playboy's Barbershop, N.Y.), The host and hostess were Bubba Paige and Joyce Rossell. The music was supplied by Count Basie and Super Duper-King Curtis and his Kingpins. The affair ended at 5 A.M.

The formation of the Association of Ringside Physicians for the purpose of study and research in the field of boxing was announced by Dr. Max Novich, South Orange, N.J., United States Olympic team physician and orthopedic specialist. The good doctor was named chairman of this group. Membership in the organization will be open to any physician who was been certified by a state commission and the International Boxing Ass'n.

The organizing committee is composed of Doctors Robert Bennett, Detroit; Ira McCown, N.Y.; Bernard Caplan, Columbus; Elliot Feldman, Columbus; Nicholas Teresi, Albany, N.Y.; Ron Romero, Las Vegas; Don Lastreto, San Francisco; Jack Kuseen, Hollywood, Calif.; Jack Battalia, Portland, Ore.; and Les Barnet, a medical editor, N.Y.C. The Association is based in New York and will make its studies and research available to any group which has an interest in boxing.

British boxing promotor Jack Solomons had a lot of interesting things to say about boxing on his recent trip to the colonies. Jack talked about the way boxing has changed. "Years ago, you had good Irish, Italian, and Jewish boxers. Our families had as many as ten children, and the mother would be cooking and working and she'd throw us out of the house, and we got tough fighting in the street. Now they have one or two children and they mollycoddle them and take them to school in cars so they won't get in fights on the way. If two kids do have a row in a playground, it's the mothers who end up fighting each other."



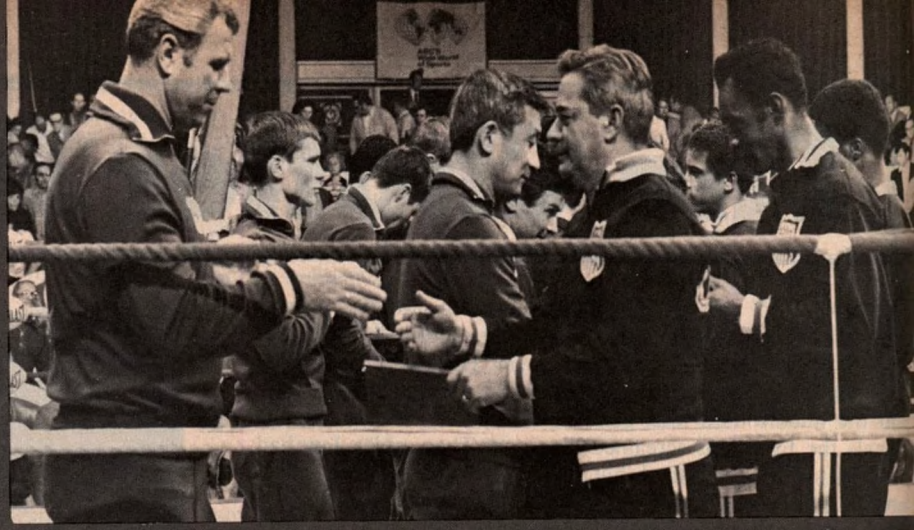
THE LATE EDDIE PACE

Jack has written a book entitled "Jack Solomons Tells All", and is now working on another. This book is a must for boxing fans. The title of the second book is "The B's in Boxing". Asked what it meant, Jack replied: " 'The Bastards in Boxing'. I keep adding to it as I run into more of them".

Former welterweight contender Eddie Pace, Los Angeles, died after collapsing during a sparring session with Gil King in a gym in Los Angeles. He was in the middle of a 3-minute round when he collapsed. Witnesses said Pace stepped back, looked at his long-time manager, Cannonball Green, and fell. His career spanned from 1958-1970 in which he engaged in 57 bouts, winning 32, losing 24 and drawing in one. He was kayoed only six times in his career, the last being in 1963. Last year Eddie had five bouts, winning 2, losing 3. He defeated Freddie Little and Juarez de Lima, lost to Denny Moyer, Sandro Mazzinghi, and middleweight king Carlos Monzon.

A 60-year-old Hayward, Calif. motel man was fatally kicked to death at a hamburger stand. Before dying, he confessed to being an ex-boxer named Boston Blackie. His greatest claim to fame seemed to be that he once sparred with former middleweight kings Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano.

CHATTER . . . George Foreman's manager, Dick Sadler, reportedly has signed an exclusive contract with KO Inc., for all future ancillary rights to the heavyweight contender's bouts. Dick, by the way, was voted "Manager of the Year" by the New York Boxing Writers . . . A report from the West Coast, stating that ex-light heavyweight king Archie Moore would take over as manager of (*Continued on page 65*)



USA vs. RUSSIA

(Top) The teams from the USA and USSR get together and exchange gifts during the opening ceremonies in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Above) Liberace, headlining at Caesars Palace, raises the arm of Rita Tennis, the Caesars Palace "Goddess," who served as ring card girl during the matches.

Soviet Squad Is Victorious

By IRWIN N. ROSEE

ALEXI Kiselev, a handsome giant with blond hair, is 42 years old, a grandfather, an honored master of athletics and the coach of the Soviet boxing team.

It's a full-time job which has earned him the comforts of life—an apartment in Moscow, a country home and a pension. He began to achieve such rewards when he was one of the most respected amateur heavyweight champions in the Soviet Union and he has won new luxuries and prestige in his role as coach.

Kiselev and his team toured the United States for 10 days recently, scoring a 6-5 victory over the United States Olympic hopefuls at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., and before a national television audience on the ABC-TV Wide World of Sports program. Then the Soviet squad's alternates went on to beat the U.S. second-stringers, 4-1 in Denver, Colo., and 4-2 in Louisville, Ky.

Kiselev thus returned home with a perfect record—three victories over the United States in three years.

Alexi's boxing program is secure, and amazingly broad-based compared to the United States' haphazard amateur boxing program. He has 376,000 registered amateur boxers in his country as against fewer than 9,000 amateurs in the United States. His "army" of potential international ringmen numbers 50,000 compared to the USA's "corporal's guard" of 1500. The latter total includes the Armed Forces, Golden Gloves, AAU ranks and even the progressive Park Department programs in Louisville and Chicago.

Kiselev could be excused for being over-confident but he is far from it. A realist, he respects the power and imagination of the U.S. fighter—especially in the heavyweight division—as displayed in Las Vegas when he saw three of his fighters counted out. The knockouts were the first suffered by the Soviet boxers since the United States and the Soviet Union started the face-to-face competitions in 1969.

"The American heavyweight is superior to any in our ranks," admits Kiselev. "No matter how hard we try, we're lacking in the heavyweight division. I can't understand it."

Kiselev, of course, remembers the Olympic triumphs of heavyweights Joe Frazier and George Foreman as well as the fact that Cassius Clay and Floyd Patterson went on to become heavyweight champions of the world after winning gold medals in lighter classifications in the Olympics.

The U.S.'s superiority in the heavyweight division was underscored again in

Las Vegas when Ron Lyle, the 26-year-old heavyweight from Denver, unleashed a violent attack on Kano Saroyan, a big man from the Armenian district of the USSR, and the referee counted Saroyan out on his feet.

Lyle will not remain in amateur competition for the Olympics much longer because of his age, but U.S. coaches Gene Cooper, Pat Nappi and Bobby Lewis are confident another top heavyweight will emerge from the Pan American Games and the 1971 match with the USSR in the tradition of Foreman and Frazier.

Lyle, who stands 6 feet, 4 inches and weighs 207 pounds, took up boxing after being released from the Colorado State Penitentiary. He was offered the opportunity to rehabilitate himself through boxing by Bill Daniels, a Denver businessman who owns the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association and sponsors the Denver Rocks of the International Boxing League. Daniels got Lyle a job as a welder and encouraged his progress as an amateur boxer and a citizen seeking a fresh start in life.

Lyle, whose punching power and "killer instinct" are typical of U.S. heavyweights compared to their Soviet counterparts, was the National AAU and North American heavyweight champion in 1970. He is justly proud of his progress as a fighter and a man and viewed boxing for the U.S. team as "a special honor and thrill because I feel I am doing something for my country."

Age and experience are Soviet assets in competition with U.S. boxers, as demonstrated by the fact that USSR boxers average 23 years of age and 132 bouts compared to the U.S. average of 19.5 years and 74 bouts.

One U.S. boxer who had no such handicap in age or experience was Jesse Valdez of Houston, Tex., who is assigned to the Hamilton Air Force Base in California. Valdez was only 16 years old when he went to Tokyo on the same Olympic team as Frazier. Now 23 and with 190 bouts under his belt, Valdez is rated by Soviet coaches as an excellent prospect to win the gold medal in the light middleweight division in the 1972 Olympics at Munich.

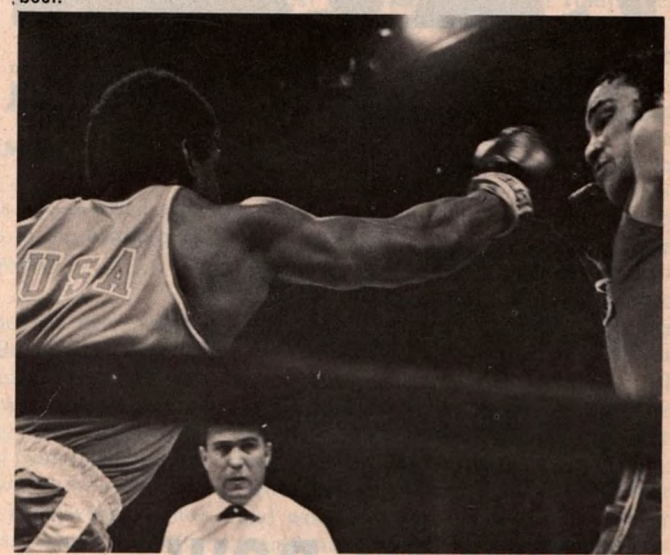
Valdez, whose boxing idol was Sugar Ray Robinson, gave an impressive display of his ability in Las Vegas when he knocked out Leonid Tleubaev, a 20-year old Cossack student, in 1:53 of the third round with a sharp left hook. A two-time All-American, Valdez attended Howard Payne and South Texas College.

Javier Muniz, a 17-year-old native of Buena Park, Calif., fighting for only the 10th time as an amateur, electrified the packed house at Caesar's Palace by whipping the experienced Soviet lightweight, 24-year-old Nikolai Kromov, who holds a decision over Josef Grudzien, Poland's gold medalist.

Muniz, younger brother of Armando Muniz, now an unbeaten pro in the California (*Continued on page 44*)

Jesse Valdez of Houston, Tex. KOs Leonid Tleubaev, USSR champion at 1:53 of the third round in a 147-pound match.

Anatoly Semyonov of Russia lands a vicious right to the head of Albert Davila of Pomona, Calif. on his way to victory in a 106-pound division bout.



Ron Lyle of the USA lands a powerful right to the jaw of Russia's Kano Saroyan. It wasn't too long after this blow landed that referee Vladimir Enghibaran stopped matters at 30 seconds of the second round, with Lyle, of course, being declared the winner.

Coleman, Light Middleweight Champ, Named Tourney's "Outstanding Fighter"

By SP5 GEORGE BASLER

BUPYONG, Korea—Collecting titles in the bantam, light-welter, light heavy and heavyweight classes, the Eighth U.S. Army Boxing Team (Korea) rolled to its third straight NSARPAC boxing championship recently.

The 1971 tournament was hosted by the Korea Support Command (KORSCOM) at Shea Field House, ASCOM. Thirty-four boxers from USARPAC sub-ordinate commands in Korea, Thailand, Okinawa and Hawaii competed in the two-day classic.

Ronald Coleman of Okinawa was named the "Outstanding Fighter" of the tournament by the three judges. Coleman won the 156 lbs. light middleweight title.

Coleman, a St. Louis native, won the Okinawa Inter-Service light middleweight title in 1970 and 1971. In his opening bout at Shea Field House, he decisioned Bob Smith of Korea. In the finals he used a stunning right hand to TKO Joe Gagnon of Japan in 2:59 of the second round.

The nine-man Korean team, coached by Dale T. Wilson, compiled a total of 46 points to take team honors.

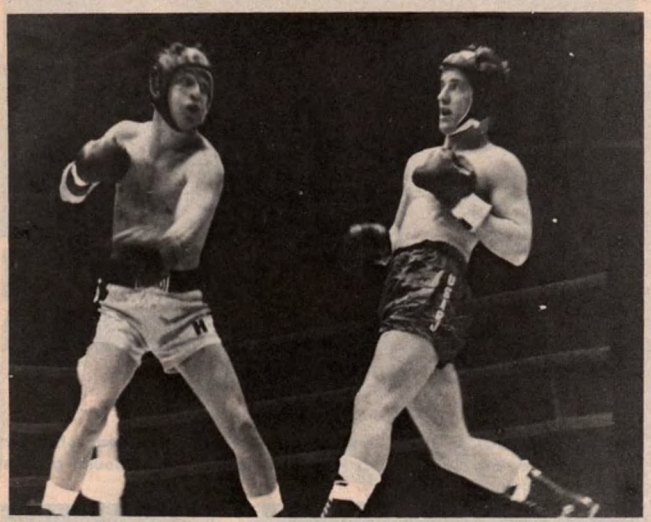
A well-coached Okinawa team placed a close second with 38 points and two titles. Hawaii finished third with 34 points and four titles. Japan and Thailand tied for last, each with 19 points. In addition, the Thailand team collected one title.

Capacity crowds of over 2,000 people jammed Shea Field House for both days of the tournament.

The first day semi-finals were a donneybrook with boxers mopping the canvas with each other. Seven knockouts or TKO's were recorded during the 12-bout card.

In contrast Coleman's TKO was the only knockout recorded in the nine finals on Sunday. In other finals action:

Lieutenant Davis of Korea used bull-like agressiveness to decision speedy Mike Willard of Okinawa and take the heavy-



Rufus Stewart (left) of Hawaii misses with a hard left aimed at Darwin Rushing of Japan in the welterweight finals, won by Stewart. Rufus had stopped Lonnie Dunford of Okinawa in the semi-finals.

Ronald Coleman of Okinawa (left) ducks a punch thrown by Joe Gagnon of Japan in the light middleweight final. Coleman, who knocked out his opponent with a smashing right at 2:59 of the second round, was named the tourney's "Outstanding Fighter."

EIGHTH ARMY TEAM WINS THIRD IN ROW

weight title. Davis, last year's All-Army light heavyweight king, had annihilated Larry Holcombe in 20 seconds of the first round in the semi-finals.

Veteran Army boxer Joe Thomas of Korea outpointed Leonard Langley of Okinawa to win the light heavyweight title. Thomas, a former All-Army heavyweight champion and Inter-Service semi-finalist, crunched Willie Brown of Thailand with a smashing left hook in 1:47 of the first round in the semi-finals.

Willie Goodwin of Hawaii displayed fancy footwork and a dancing style to defeat Gil Watanabe of Okinawa and take the 165 lbs. middleweight title. The bout was extremely close with Watanbe landing many good right hand counter punches.

Rufus Stewart of Hawaii decisioned Darwin Rushing of Japan to win the welterweight crown. Stewart had TKO'ed Lonnie Dunford of Okinawa in the semi-finals.

Jerry Jenkins of Hawaii outpointed a game Harry Dorsey of Korea to win the light welterweight title. Jenkins, a former All-Army and Inter-Service (*Continued on page 44*)

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

A sellout crowd marked the 17th Annual Dinner and Dance of Ring #8, in the Grand Ball Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel, with Jack Dempsey, for the second time within a week, being the standout attraction. . . . This affair marked Phase 2 of Operation Clubhouse and marked the first show presided over by newly elected president Allie Zack.

It was a knockout from every angle. Many champions graced the dais and several were in the audience. Honorees were Jack Dempsey, Bill Gallo, sports cartoonist of the Daily News, Assistant Matchmaker of Madison Square Garden Duke Stefano, and Msgr. Thomas O'Brien, of St. Malachy's. . . . Others receiving awards were Lester Bromberg of the New York Post, publicist Murray Goodman, Sam (Young McGowan) Goldberg, Irwin Denberg, K.O. Phil Kaplan and Ed Weiner, who also did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

Former champions on the dais were Mickey Walker, Willie Pep and Petey Scalzo. Also on the dais were Commissioner Edwin Dooley, Rabbi Edward Schoenfeld of the Actor's Temple, Harry Hershfield, artist Leroy Neiman, Max Kase, Nat Brown, Yours Truly and Barry Farber of Radio WOR.

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Jack Dempsey, named as the "Athlete of the Century," topped the guests of honor that same week at the National Cartoonist's get-together at the New York Hilton. Others honored were John Condon, Madison Square Garden boxing publicist, Mrs. Payson, owner of the Mets, and veteran cartoonist Willard Mullin. Bill Gallo, chairman of the affair, had a great dais. The windup, a tribute to the 'Manassa Mauler," showed clips of famous fights in which he participated along with pictures of him with Tex Rickard, Jack Kearns, Joe Jacobs and Max Schmeling. The affair was a real knockout. The Ring's contribution, a two-minute capsule account of the life of the Manassa Mauler.

Two former ring idols were here for Ring 8 activities. Ex-bantam and featherweight king Harry Jeffra from Baltimore, and Maxie Berger from Montreal, Canada, former Canadian lightweight and welterweight boss. Both looked great. Jeffra is still associated with the race tracks while Berger, who is 54, married and father of two girls, is in the stock brokerage business. During 11 years as a pro, Berger met champions Sugar Ray Robinson, Beau Jack, Fritzie Zivic and Ike Williams, a pretty nifty quartet.

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Ran into Tommy Marengo, Brooklyn lightweight, who boxed in the mid-thirties, at B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge annual star-studded double dais of champions, among them champion Joe Frazier. Marengo, who was managed by Tony Tomacci, had 49 pro fights. Among his opponents were former champion Sammy Angott, Tippy Larkin, Lew Fox, Patsy LaRocca, Augustine Gonzales and Danny London. Marengo used to train with Lou Ambers,

JACK DEMPSEY

lightweight king. He's 55, married with one child. Marengo is in the textile business with Dolph Dyeworks.

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Tommy Walsh, who has been associated with the N.Y. Boxing Commission as a referee for 20 years, broke into the game as a boxer. He was originally managed by the late Jimmy Johnston, then by Billy Brown. He fought from 1930 through 1934. Among those whom he met were Bob Olin, the late light heavyweight champion, and Steve Dudas, popular gladiator from New Jersey. Walsh was a 175-pounder. He's married 33 years and is father of a son and daughter.

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Alex Koskowitz and Jack Barrett were sky-high on their light heavyweight, Willie Burton, from the Bronx, who turned in a masterful job when he won a clean-cut win over unbeaten David Matthews, of Akron, Ohio, in the Felt Forum. Burton never made a mistake and when the 10 heats were over his managers were yelling for Floyd Patterson and other heavies. Willie opines he can make the 175-pound weight very readily. Jimmy Iselin, of Peers, felt he had a real comer in Matthews who was very game in taking a sound larruping. Burton, who scaled 188½ pounds in victory, deserves a break.

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The same night that Burton whipped Matthews, another unbeaten gladiator bit the dust. That was Harold Weston, Jr., who bowed to Jose Rodriguez, Bronx welter, in their six, the victor scoring 4-1-1, the winner, managed by Eddie Mafuz, getting a big hand for his fine performance.

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Johnny Sullo, popular trainer from Valley Stream, who was ill for awhile, is again back on the job and busy with a number of gladiators . . . Sullo works out at the Gramercy Gym, Cus D'Amato's old stamping ground on East 14th St. Sullo, now training and also managing for 35 years, is looking after Walter Seeley, featherweight from Sayville, N.Y., "Irish" Bob Cassidy, middleweight from Levittown, and Al Brady, a welter from Hauppage, N.Y.

One of the happiest scrappers on the Broadway beat, with his fighting days over, is Steve Belloise, of the Bronx. He was quite a middleweight in his day, and is now a housing inspector. He has been in the naval reserve for 26½ years, is a member of the Actors Guild and belongs to Ring #8. Belloise, whose brother, the late Mike, was a one-time feather champ, engaged in the many art of self-defense for 12 years under the management of Eddie Walker. He still recalls his two scraps with Ken Overlin, middleweight king, as well as his fights with Tami Mauriello, Sugar Ray Robinson, Georgie Abrams, Phil Furr and Anton Christoforidis. Incidentally, Belloise, who started as a welterweight and wound up as a middleweight, never scaled more than 156 pounds. He's a good-will ambassador for the sport.

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Ran into Johnny Isaacs, a resident from Brooklyn, N.Y., who came to this coun-

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Q & A — Questions Answers

Q. Does any Commission in boxing permit the sewing up of eye cuts between rounds? I recollect reading that Miami Beach used this with success.

Walter J. Kaufold
Austin, Tex.

A. The Miami Beach Commission discussed allowing the stitching of eye cuts. But it was voted down. It also was taken up in Sacramento. But nowhere is the sewing of eye cuts between rounds permitted. The idea is used succssfully in professional hockey.

Q. THE RING quoted Henry Cooper as saying that he never had lost a fight in Wembley. It seems to me that this was not founded on fact. May I ask a review?

Henry Vaillant
Manchester, England

A. Cooper's memory failed him. He was beaten at Wembley by Cassius Clay, 1963; Floyd Patterson, 1966; and Zora Folley, 1961. Strange that Henry should have forgotten where he fought Cassius, for one.

Q. Do you believe that Clay could have beaten Marciano away from a computer?

Jack Stratton
Oklahoma City, Okla.

A. No.

Q. How much truth is there in the statement that the night Clay won the title from Liston at Miami Beach he wanted to retire in the fifth round, and would have done so but for Angelo Dundee's lifting him bodily and shoving him out into the ring?

Fred J. Washington
Charleston, S.C.

A. After the fourth round the press was informed that Clay had complained that Liston was using a liniment which had blinded Cassius. That he wished to quit never has been authenticated.

Q. I have read aspersions on Jake La Motta's KO defeat by Billy Fox in four rounds in 1947. In fact, Jake is said to have admitted having been guilty of a tank job. What are the facts?

Giovanni Dabruzzi
New Orleans, La.

A. The KO was a fake. La Motta, admits having thrown the fight in his book "Raging Bull," published recently.

Q. I am sure I saw Monzon, the new middleweight champion, in a preliminary in the Garden four years ago. I remember the name, and pictures of Carlos look like the guy I saw score a KO in three rounds, say in 1967. Can you clear this up for me?

Dave Fallica
New York, N.Y.

A. You never saw Monzon fight in New York Our records show no boxer with a name sounding like Monzon in action in New York, or anywhere else.

Q. Is there any truth to the report that Stander, of Omaha, who recently fought a draw with Mexican heavyweight Ramos, has retired from the ring? A pal of mine in Omaha writes he has quit.

Wilfred Gordon
Washington, D.C.

A. Latest reports from Omaha have it that Stander has left the ring.

Q. In what round was Jimmy Ellis knocked out by Joe Frazier? Were not you a little rough on Jimmy throwing him out of your ratings?

Arthur Blaisdell
Houston, Rex.

A. Frazier won in five rounds. We had to drop Ellis for inactivity. For all we knew, he had quit the ring. His recent victory over Davila was not regarded as sufficient evidence that he was entitled to return to he ratings.

Q. I read a story in a Coast newspaper that Kid Williams, at age 72, still is around. There was a long interview with the man. I see by the Ring Record Book that Kid Williams died October 18, 1963. Is the California "Williams" a fake?

Jim Kearney
San Jose, Cal.

A. Kid Williams, born Johnny Gutenko, former champion, died, just as the Ring Record Book has it, in 1963. Cases like the one out in California are quite common and the perpetrators more often are mental cases than out and out fakers.

Q. Was Jack Hurley the manager of Pete Rademacher when he fought Floyd Patterson? Was Hurley also the manager of Retzlaff and Matthews, as well as Kirkman?

Lavenne Labonte
Portland, Me.

A. Hurley managed all four of the fighters you name.

Q. I have it that it his amateur days Cassius Clay was beaten by Coley Wallace. Is this true?

Barton L. Corriden
Hollywood, Cal.

A. Clay was beaten as an amateur, by Amos Johnson, not Coley Wallace.

Q. What was the solar plexus punch with which Fitzsimmons stopped Corbett in 1897? Did Fitz invent this punch?

Urban Kleindienst
South Bend, Ind.

A. The solar plexus punch was nothing new. It was just a wallop to the pit of the stomach, to the focus of the nervous system. Bob Davis, New York Sun reporter, gave it a lot of publicity in his story. Of course, Fitz did not invent the blow.

Q. How many former holders of the world heavyweight championship are alive?

Joe Ginsberg
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. There are 11 former heavyweight champions on the scene—Cassius Clay, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Ezzard Charles, Floyd Patterson, Ingemar Johansson, Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Louis, Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey and Jim Braddock Of these, Patterson and Clay still are listed as active

Q. Has a President of the United States, in office, ever attended a professional fight? I sat next to President Nixon in the Garden at 50th St., at the Golden Gloves finals.

Robert Mullen,
New York, N.Y.

A. We have no record of a President of the United States attending a professional fight, while in office. Not even Teddy Roosevelt, who doubtless was the top fight buff among all our presidents.

Telling It Like It Is

By BOB GOODMAN

IN the wake of the Frazier-Ali spectacular, the biggest single money making event in history, certain aspects of the promotion give cause for thought . . . Is this going to be the new trend in boxing promotion? . . . Will Jerry Perenchio, president of Chartwell Artists, Ltd., plan future ventures in boxing? . . . Some of his quotes have been interesting. "I really don't know the first thing about boxing"; "This one transcends boxing—it's a show business spectacular"; "I'm trying to stage the Normandy invasion"; "It's like 'Gone With the Wind,' that's why I'm involved. I don't think it takes any special talent to put a couple of guys in the ring"; "I know how to book Andy Williams into Salt Lake City. Well, this fight is like booking Andy Williams into 500 Salt Lake Citys at once"; "I'd be satisfied if Jack (Jack Kent Cooke—Perenchio's backer and partner) and I came out of this making as much as the fighters, that's $2.5 million each"; "I'm not discriminating against boxing people, its just that nobody's automatically getting the fight. Its competitive and open to all."

What will happen to the small local promoter who toiled for years to make boxing a local attraction? . . . Many of these same promoters were virtually shut out on the fight . . . Others were offered financial propositions that would make the fight a monetary suicide mission . . . Some could get only from 35% on down as their slice of the local promotional pie . . . There were also substantial cash guarantees required of many, knocking show-to-show basis promoters out of the box because they just didn't have the cushion . . . Could it be true that certain rock artists and other performers would have blacklisted certain arenas or auditoriums had their building not been available to the right people on March 8? . . . You have to feel for the small promoter who gave his own brand of "Blood, Sweat and Tears" in boxing, only to get squeezed out when the chance to make a score came along . . . How about having to swallow commercials after paying anywhere from $10 to $25 a seat for the closed-circuit showing? . . . Could the fight have done better financially, had an experienced closed-circuit operator like Mike Malitz of Sports Action, handled the ancillaries and bookings? . . . It is true, however, that with a fight of such magnitude, you have to "throw away the book," but then again, this is not another Woodstock.

Perenchio might be right in more ways than one. He has added some refreshing aspects to the merchandising of boxing spectaculars . . . I'm also certain there are many things he has learned from his first venture away from "show-biz" . . . We must also keep in mind that it took a lot of guts to stray into a new ballpark that has been a pretty much closed shop and put up that kind of guarantee ($4,500,000) . . . It will be interesting to see what the future holds in store . . . It will also be interesting to see if the return bout scheduled for Cooke's Forum comes through . . . By the way, I thought return bouts were taboo? . . . Come to think of it, I think I would love to have the shot at promoting that fight with $4,500,000 of somebody else's money.

We can be proud of our amateur boxing team which lost to the more experienced Russians, 6-4 in Las Vegas . . . Dr. Max Novich, the "Punching Medic," states, "Russia has over 330,000 registered boxers and our AAU can only muster about 9,000 registered amateurs" . . . Here, when an amateur makes good, he usually turns pro. In Russia, boxers maintain their amateur standing and continue to gain Master of Sport Awards, which entitle him to financial, athletic and social rewards . . . Jimmy and Joey Archer doing well with their Sportsmans Cafe at 96th St. and 3rd Ave. in New York . . . Gil Clancy, Jr., returned home from Vietnam with the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star . . . Tennis stars Rod Laver of Australia and more recently Corona Del Mar, Calif., and Arthur Ashe of Gum Springs, Va., both picked Ali to win by decision . . . "Two Ton" Tony Galento, former heavyweight contender from Orange, N.J., has opened a restaurant and bar, "The Sports Palace" in his home town. It can accommodate over 400 people and has a 20-foot painted mural of his knockdown of Joe Louis in their championship bout.

Jerry Perenchio (left) and Jack Kent Cooke watch Cassius Clay cut piece of birthday cake in Los Angeles. Perenchio and Cooke were financial backers of Clay-Frazier encounter.

Heard from trainer Harold Gunn out in Wilmington, Calif., who informs me that his Robinson brothers, welterweight Nate and amateur light middleweight, Dale, are going "Great Gunns" . . . Keep your eye on the Robinson boys, there are five more in the family up on Compton Mountain in Loggy Bottom, Va. . . . No athlete in any sport is so emotionally and physically stripped by sportswriters as the professional fighter. They even want to know how many times he went to the bathroom. What did you eat? Does your mother like you fighting? Were you ever in trouble with the law? Aren't you afraid of Rocky Marshmallow's great right? It might make for good reading, but where does this probing into a man's mind, body and personal life, start becoming a factor (*Continued on page 42*)

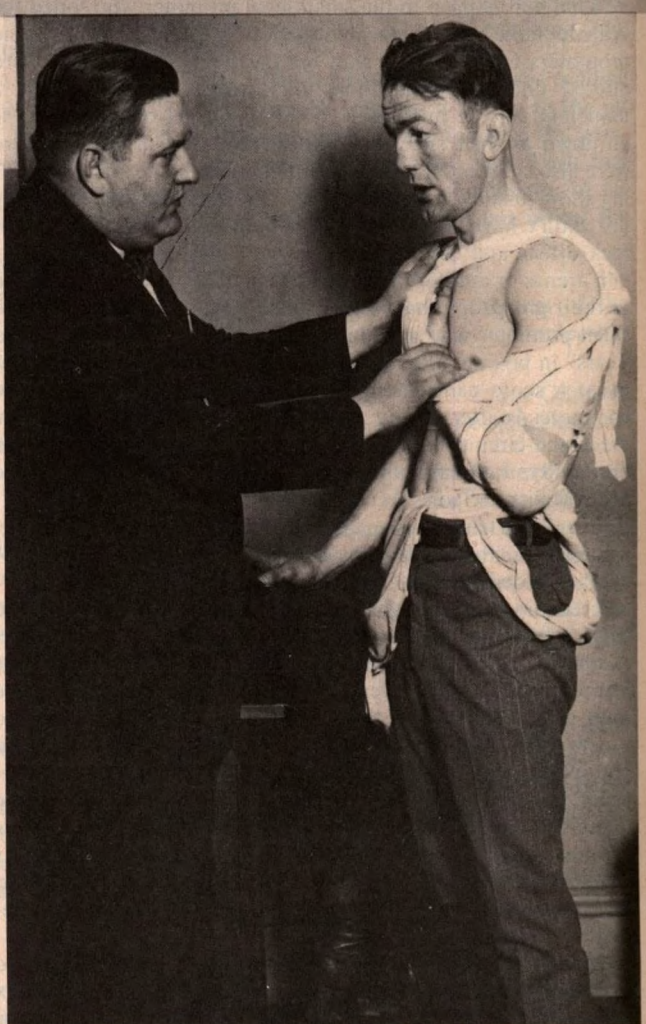
WHAT A GALLERY! JIMMY JOHNSTON, GOULD, McCARNEY, DUMB DAN, MIKE AND JOE JACOBS

Joe Jacobs, nicknamed Yussel, with the ever-present cigar, was one of the shrewdest managers of 'em all, piloting Max Schmeling and Tony Galento among others.

Cast of Characters

As a guide to RING readers who wouldn't be apt to have personal recollection of these men, here are essential facts on Lester Bromberg's ten most interesting past personalities:

Name	*Principal Roles*	*Approximate Activity Era*	*Fighters Most Identified With*
Joe Gould	Manager	1925-1940	Jim Braddock
Joe Jacobs	Manager	1925-1940	Max Schmeling, Tony Galento
Mike Jacobs	Promoter	1934-1946	Joe Louis, Billy Conn
Jack Kearns	Manager	1915-1961	Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker
Jimmy Johnston	Matchmaker, Manager	1910-1946	Bob Pastor, Abe Simon
Eddie Mead	Manager	1920-1941	Joe Lynch, Henry Armstrong
Harry Mendel	Publicist, Manager	1935-1955	Tony Galento
Dan Morgan	Manager	1905-1945	Jack Britton, Battling Levinsky
Billy McCarney	Manager, Promoter	1910-1940	Max Schmeling
Pete Reilly	Manager	1920-1943	Andre Routis, Petey Scalzo.



Eddie Mead, the rotund chap on the left, takes a peek at the injured shoulder of Joe Lynch, whom he piloted to the bantamweight crown. Mead was also the man behind triple-crown winner Henry Armstrong in the '30's.

Uncle Billy McCarney, one of the true characters in the long annals of the Queensberry realm. He was an elder statesman of the game and to say the least, was very unorthodox.

Pete (The Fox) Reilly, who on one evening, was in the corner of Andre Routis, and by the end of the bout showed up in the corner of Bat Battalino, who was the winner and new featherweight king.

Mike Jacobs, perhaps the best promoter of all time. It was Uncle Mike who brought Joe Louis to the forefront back in 1935.

By LESTER BROMBERG

MEMORY can play tricks on dates and places. When it comes to impressions, memory is a Gibraltar. A man's mannerisms, his walk, his talk —time doesn't erase these.

The assignment was to pick out the ten most interesting personalities encountered by the writer in covering boxing.

It would have been easier to choose 20 but the chore was accepted with the proviso that the list include only those no longer living.

I caught up with Jimmy Johnston when he'd been shoved out of power by Mike Jacobs' Twentieth Century Sporting Club. He reacted typically by opening an office in the Paramount Building with this lettering on his door: "Twenty First Century Sporting Club."

He was well on in years, yet dapper and derby-hatted, a little man with a big, rasping voice. He knew everything about everybody and it qualified him as an acid critic at large, acid tinctured with humor.

His favorite targets included Gen. John J. Phelan and Bill Brown of the New York State Athletic Commission. Once he needled them with the claim that "they had an interest in the Twentieth Century Sporting Club." The shrieks of the wounded poohbahs filled the air.

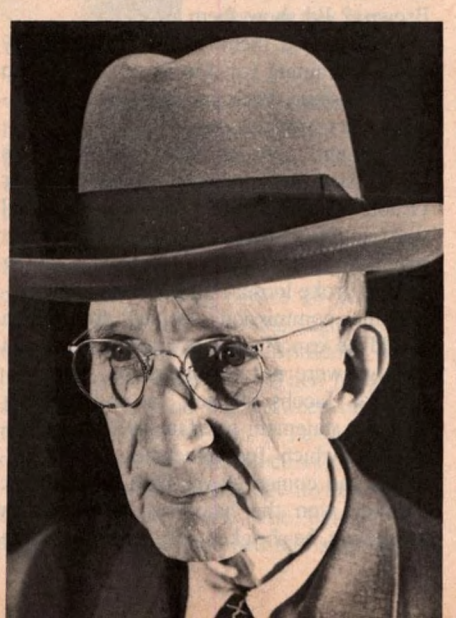
Johnston's explanation was bland enough. "They're commissioners, right? Don't commissioners have an interest in every boxing club in the state?"

But there was a lawsuit. A judge who knew and understood Jimmy worked out a settlement. In his brief he referred to Johnston as "a man of rakish mien and mischievous manner."

Johnston was a doer as well as a talker. He sweet-talked Joe Louis while he was managing Bob Pastor and Abe Simon. As a result, Joe was asking his managers to let him fight them, to do a favor for "that funny little man."

Then there was Jack (Doc) Kearns. Here too I didn't know the man when he was the most colorful and successful personality in the fight game, who made Jack Dempsey and who earned (and threw away) thousands with Mickey Walker. I was to be with him for many years thereafter.

In his seventies, he still dressed with distinction and his eyes sparkled readily,



Dumb Dan Morgan, called that because of his non-stop talking, was associated with two world titleholders, Jack Britton and Battling Levinsky.

Jimmy Johnston, who was known as "The Boy Bandit." He was a promoter, matchmaker and manager. Bob Pastor and Abe Simon were the two top heavyweights he guided.

Jack Kearns, shown with Joey Maxim, former light heavyweight king, was, of course, Jack Dempsey's pilot in the Golden Days. Kearns was smart, slick and colorful.

either in scheming some more-or-less impossible dreams, or in scalding somebody he didn't like.

His relations with Dempsey became strained, yet Dempsey remained the barometer for all fighters he would pick up. It isn't hard to recall the time when he had Joey Maxim — good defense, no attack — and he'd tell writers with a straight face: "Maxim, why he hits like Dempsey, he . . ."

Doc didn't consider this lieing, it was what he liked to call "moving." I never saw him stop moving. After Archie Moore took the light heavyweight championship from Maxim, he became Moore's advisor.

The closest I ever saw Kearns to being beaten down was in Montreal when promoter Eddie Quinn backed away from a sizeable guarantee for a Moore fight with Robert Cleroux. He was in a hotel room, in his undershirt and looking more like Mahatma Gandhi than the immaculate Doc.

His usual screech was closer to a groan as he said: "I know Quinn hasn't got the scratch but that Moore, he could go through and draw the money. But he won't, he wants the guarantee. He's listening to his wife. That's what come of letting women run your business."

Then there were Joe Jacobs and Mike Jacobs, often confused by people of later generations but so starkly different that anybody who once met them certainly couldn't confuse them.

To begin with, they were not related. Joe was a life-long fight manager, Mike never a manager. Mike was the best promoter I ever watched operate. Joe possibly was the best manager ever.

I remember Joe most clearly in his New York office, a long cigar in his sharp-featured face. At 6 P.M. he was freshly shaved, he'd gotten up only an hour or two before. He'd read the afternoon papers quietly, then suddenly break loose with a raucous snort: "Are you newspaper guys afraid of those commissioners (Phelan and Brown)? I'd show them . . ."

He "showed them" when he had Tony Galento training for Joe Louis. The camp was in Asbury Park and this day the commissioners were on hand.

Then and there he made a charge. "This commission permitted a Louis handler (Eddie Mead) to put a gimmick (a metal slug) in Joe's gloves when he knocked out my Max Schmeling."

Hell broke loose. In an on-the-spot meeting the commission decided the match would be cancelled if a disavowal and an apology were not forthcoming.

Mike Jacobs stepped in and put together a statement satisfactory to the commission, which Joe reluctantly signed.

Joe had coined classic lines. When Jack Sharkey won the heavyweight title from Schmeling, he shrieked over the radio: "We wuz robbed." When he froze in Detroit at a World Series, he told New York newspaper reporters, "I should of stood in bed."

Joe was a party guy who spent freely and it was his boast that he "got into" Mike for more money than any other manager.

On Mike's side, it must be said he didn't mind such "loans." He considered them investments which would keep fighters and managers loyal to him. And they generally did.

But what kind of man was Mike? He was a product of the streets and he talked like one. His dental plates were loose and he clacked them like castanets. He was vain and he had a temper. Yet he had a sense of humor.

Moreover, when there was a deal to be swung, Mike could be anything the situation demanded . . . close-mouthed, sensitive, patient. When commercial aviation was still regarded as worth risking only for emergencies, he boldly did most of his travel by plane.

In another, and important, sense Mike pioneered. He was the first name promoter to step out with a Negro fighter. There never could have been a Louis without a Mike Jacobs. Not with Tex Richard.

Mike had vision. I can recall him saying in the early 1940s: "They're going to have fights in a small arena and people all over the country are going to watch them in theaters over some projection system."

Jim Braddock and Joe Gould made quite a team as they climbed to the world title with a victory over Max Baer in June, 1935. Owl-eyed Joe was as shrewd and clever as they came.

Harry Mendel, who appeared to be wider than he was tall, was a publicity man par excellence, a newspaperman's dream. Harry entered boxing after 20 years with six day bike racing.

Most revealing was an afternoon in the summer at his home in Rumson, N.J. We were all outdoors, sitting in easy chairs, with drinks in our hands. There was lulling music on the radio. Then he jumped up and began walking up and down. "What's the matter, Mike?" someone asked. "No action here, no action," he grunted and resumed pacing.

He got action from Joe Gould. Owl-eyed, mellow-voiced little Joe was the brain-trust half of a team with big Jim Braddock. He had worked their way to the heavyweight title in an upset of Max Baer and now Mike wanted Braddock to fight Louis at Chicago in a break-away from the Garden.

"Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars is the price," Gould cooed. "And 10 per cent of the profits from your heavyweight championship promotions for the next 10 years."

Mike went along, Louis became champ. He managed to buy up the continuing percentage deal — long before 10 years.

Smart as he was to boxing angles, Gould overextended himself and Braddock in an least one other enterprise. When he retired Jim — cleverly on the upsweep of a victory over Tommy Farr — he decided to open a restaurant, "Braddock's Corner."

For the opening night, Joe invited everybody in the business. The fight crowd started with sirloin and had filet mignon for dessert. And wine flowed like water.

No restaurant ever got off to so expensive a start. If a fraction of those who free-loaded had returned in subsequent days and paid, things would have come up roses. The venture cost Gould and Braddock $75,000.

One of those entertained that night was Billy McCarney. Here was an elder statesman of the ring, a bright-eyed, silver-haired former manager and promoter with a cheery voice and a gift for telling stories, and a flair for the unorthodox.

I had not been party to his early derring-do . . . when he'd gotten away with a phoney bloodless bull-fight, when he'd been trapped with no guests in an intended makeshift hotel for the Dempsey-Jess Willard fight at Toledo.

Nor I had been around when, in a Schmeling training camp for a Cleveland fight with Young Stribling, pranksters found him sleeping after a night of drinking and deposited him in a sample coffin at an undertakers' convention, where he awoke the next morning.

What I did experience was McCarney at a New Year's Day party. After a proper liquid start, he was striding across a room recounting an adventure. He tripped, fell onto his back. And from that position he went right on with his anecdote.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending March 15, 1971

HEAVYWEIGHTS

George Foreman kayoed Someone in 1. Bill Drover drew with Joe Bugner, 10. Pedro Agosta beat Lou Hicks, 10. Jose Roman decisioned Jose Rondon, 10. Ernie Shavers kayoed Johnny Mac, 3.

John Clohessy beat Brian O'Melia, 6. Brian defeated George Simpson, 6. Chuck Haynes outpointed Joe Shelton, 10. Mongol Ortiz kayoed Terry Krueger, 8. Earl Emhoolah beat Rusty Osban, 4. Joe Lewis drew with Pete Knight, 4.

Claude McBride stopped Woody Parks, 2. Eddie Talhami defeated Joe Cholston, 10. Joey Orbillo outpointed Steve Grant, 10. Paul Cardoza halted Al Benoit, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Conny Velensek beat Piero Del Papa, 15, E.B.U. Light Heavyweight Title. Mike Quarry decisioned Andy Kendall, 10.

Brian Kelly Burden kayoed Allen Moten, 2. William Burton outpointed David Matthews, 10. Pete Riccitelli halted Dave Jenkins, 2. Chris Finnegan stopped Eddie Avoth, 15, British & Empire titles. Al Evans kayoed Harold Carter, 5.

Al Benoit decisioned Jose Chirino, 10. Ken Warner outpointed Ruben Figueroa, 6. Florentino Fernandez stopped Jerry Evans, 6. Dennis McNamee defeated Ken Warner, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Luis Rodriguez beat Bobby Cassidy, 10. Juan Carlos Duran outpointed Roy Lee, 10. Tom Bogs decisioned Don Fullmer, 10, Lloyd Duncan, 10.

Denny Moyer beat Raul Soriano, Art Hernandez, 10. Ralph Palladin won from Leroy Roberts, 10. Rudy Robles beat Tom Kearse, 6. Bennie Briscoe halted Ned Edwards, 2. Doug Rogers outpointed Plez Williams, 8. Mike Nixon beat Johnny Wise, 6. Clarence Finney decisioned Ernesto Ortiz, 6.

Bunny Sterling drew with Tony Mundine, 15, British Empire Middleweight Title. Pat O'Connor halted Don Lutz, 3. Danny O'Connor outpointed Curt Yancy, 4. Frank Jimenez beat Al Mills, 6. Fern Marcotte decisioned Don Ross, 10. Armando Muniz kayoed Mike Seyler, 3. Johnny Copeland halted Elijah Jones, 2.

Clarence McMinn won from Buck Thornton, 10. Young Kennedy beat Tommy Iwase, 6. Jean Claude Bouttier kayoed Tom Bethea, 2. Mike Nixon halted Mel Jones. 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Clyde Gray beat Donato Paduano, 12, (Canadian Welterweight Title).

Ricky Porter stopped Roger Menetrey, 5. Sandro Lopopolo drew with Marcel Cerdan, 10. Ralph Charles kayoed Robert Williams, 3.

Ernie Lopez won from Peter Cobblah, 10. Jose Rodriguez beat Harold Weston, 8. Otho Tyson decisioned Neil Walsh, 8. Gabe Bowens outpointed Art Kettles, 8. Tony Licata halted Walter Opshinsky, 7.

Billy Backus beat Robert Williams, 10, non-title. Bill Goodwin lost to Mike Morgan, 5. Benito Juarez lost to David Arreano, 6.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Nate Robinson defeated Gil King, 12. Sandro Lopopolo drew with Marcel Cerdan, 10. Anthony Morodi decisioned Toro George, 10.

Marco Lopez Geraldo beat Speedy White, 6. Bobby Carrillo drew with Agapito Villegas, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ken Buchanan defeated Ruben Navarro, 15, World Lightweight Title.

Al Ford kayoed Chichi Ontiveros, 5, Gabriel Branvilla, 6. Chango Carmona halted Geraredo Ferratt, 3. Jeff White beat Lionel Rose, 10. Arturo Zuniga kayoed Myron Robinson, 2. Felipe Torres halted Angel Mayoral, 5.

George Foster stopped Lloyd Marshall, 8. Tommy Connors kayoed Jose Pagan, 2. Cesar Sinda beat Esteban Olvera, 6. Mike Mayan won from Ruben Coria, 4. Bobby Rodriguez outpointed Beetle Olvera, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ruben Navarro lost to Ken Buchanan, 15, World Lightweight Title. Sammy Goss stopped Carlos Zayas.

Bobby Richard defeated Leo DiFiore, 10. Jorge Ramos kayoed Manuel Villa, 2. Yoshio Apollo outpointed Yon San, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jose Legra defeated Jimmy Revie, 15, E.B.U. Featherweight Title. Manuel Andrade beat Shig Fukuyama, 10. Felix Figueroa kayoed Tony Diaz, 2. Rodolfo Lobato halted Memo Morales, 9.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alan Rudkin kayoed Franco Zurlo, 11, E. B.U. Bantamweight Title. Ushiwakamaru Harada beat Shin Chul-Ho, 10. Julio Guerrero decisioned Efren Torres, 10.

Manuel Mendoza halted Roberto Tirado, 3, beat Francisco Cabanig, 10. Kid Snowball kayoed Claude Lapinte, 8. Pat Malaney decisioned Mike Mullins, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Masao Ohba kayoed Fritz Chervet, 8. Efren Torres lost to Julio Guerrero, 10. Ricardo Delgado beat Lorenzo Gutierrez, 10.

Cesar Desiga defeated Bernabe Villacampo, 10. Astuyoshi Kanazawa kayoed Berkrerk Chartvanchai, 4. Fernand Lumucad won from Felix Marquez, 10.

OLD BROADWAY

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try from London, England, and began as a featherweight. He remembers his six-rounder with Jackie "Kid" Berg in Premier Land, Whitechapel, back in 1923, it was a six spot. Johnny, who boxed 10 years and had about 100 fights, settled in New York back in 1925 and his manager, when he fought in New York, was the late "Papa" Bob Levy. Isaacs, still a fight buff, is married and has a son and daughter.

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A little bit late but we wish to add our condolences to the family of Sen. Bill Farrell, who used to sing the Star Spangled Banner at all Garden boxing shows. We in sports also were sorry to hear about the passing of Joe Val, former sports editor of the old World Telegram and Sun, who had previously worked for the New York Times and Herald Tribune. He helped compile the statistics for the Garden Hall of Fame.

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Ran into a familiar boxing figure in the Anta Theatre, Eddie Farrell, a genial man, who was associated with the Garden box office department for 20 years. He is a pal of Benny Bennett, long associated as a head man in the Garden box office from the days of the late Tex Rickard. Bennett has recovered from his recent illness and is meeting old cronies at his present abode, the Belmont Plaza Hotel, Lexington Ave. and 49th St., in New York City.

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You run into him often. He's a real sports buff. He's Deputy C. Herbert Straut, deputy to Sheriff Raymond A. Lindemann of Rockland County, New City, N.Y. Straut loves to talk boxing and no wonder, he's from the same locale where the late bantam king, Joe Lynch, was a big man after he quit the ring.

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Al Certo, the popular clothier to sports luminaries, is now managing a flock of good New Jersey fistic prospects, according to his buddy, Johnny Arcaro, a pal of Jack Dempsey's. Four of his present gladiators are Othy Tyson, a lightweight; Bryan O'Melia, Bob Stalter and Kenny Werner, all heavyweights, the latter a 220-pounder who is six-feet four-inches tall. Certo hopes to come up with another Jim Braddock or Jersey Joe Walcott.

You run into old favorites here, there and everywhere on the Great White Way. One of them was Willie Oliveri, who fought under the name of Willie Oliver, and is an active member of Allie Zack's Ring #8. He formerly boxed in the amateurs and Golden Gloves and was known as Brooklyn and Queens bantam king. Fought pro as a featherweight and junior lightweight. Believe it or not, Willie met seven chaps who at one time were boxing champions, namely, Fidel LaBarba, Frankie Genaro, Lou Ambers, Tony Canzoneri, Al Singer, Kid Chocolate and Jackie "Kid" Berg.

DROVER DRAWS WITH BUGNER IN LONDON 10

LONDON, ENG.—Montreal heavyweight Bill Drover was given little chance of survival when he arrived in the U.K. for his ten round fight with England's blond bomber, Joe Bugner. The match was considered just a warm-up for Bugner prior to his proposed match with Henry Cooper for the British and Commonwealth titles. But Drover, 205, carried the fight throughout the full ten rounds to Bugner, 216. Even a cut over Drover's left eye in round eight did not prevent him from forcing the fight. The sellout crowd rousingly cheered the Canadian fighter. The decision was a draw. The fans gave Drover a standing ovation. The following day, no less than seven British boxing writers claimed that Drover should have been awarded the decision. There were no knockdowns in the fight.

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2 Great Fights - Louis vs Farr (1937) Louis vs Baer (1935)

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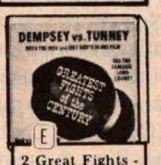

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IS THERE ANYTHING AS RARE AS A HEAVYWEIGHT DRAW?

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one side sore. What's the consequence? The referee, you take it for granted, is human and he is not inclined to get himself in wrong with every spectator.

"As a result, you now see a draw just about never between heavyweights, and only seldom in the classes below that.

"Some experts raise the issue that there can't be an actual draw. I can't agree with that. But a draw is an awfully handy thing to have available for some officials in quite a few places.

"As for a disqualification, that's just about barred under the existing rules, especially in the United States. The code gives the referee the right to punish a fighter guilty of a foul by taking a round away from him."

If the foul fighter has been beaten in that round anyway, he suffers no loss. Maybe that's not the right way to handle it. Could be the time to take a round away is after the fight.

There have been only two disqualifications in the history of the heavyweight class since gloves were introduced.

On June 12, 1930, in the presence of 79,222 customers who paid $749,935, Max Schmeling took the title left open by Gene Tunney's retirement on a fourth round foul by Jack Sharkey at Yankee Stadium.

Sharkey shot a left to the body and it was low. Max and his corner hollered "Foul" and foul it was. The referee, Jimmy Crowley, achieved a distinction never before attained by a third man in modern boxing history. He handed the title to Max, who at the time of the foul was behind on points. Crowley was backed up by judges Harold Barnes and Charley Mathison.

On May 23, 1941, Joe Louis defeated Buddy Baer, Max's brother, on a seventh round disqualification in Washington. The circumstances surrounding the verdict were unparalleled in heavyweight annals. The incident had not been matched ever before, it has not been duplicated since, and it is very doubtful that anything like it will occur in the future.

Arthur Donovan, from New York, an experienced referee, threw Buddy out of the fight after the bell had sounded for the seventh round. That Donovan used the best kind of judgment, was then, and is now, open to question.

Here is what happened in the sixth round of a fight without precedent:

Louis hooked a left to the face and drove a left to the body. Joe hooked two more lefts to the head. After Buddy had shot a left to the face Louis found his targets with a couple of hooks, one to the head and another to the body. The Bomber landed twice on Baer's kidneys and then drove a left to the solar plexus.

Baer took a hard right to the jaw and fell into a clinch. They hammered away at each other and then Baer hit the deck. He took seven.

Joe landed two hard ones to the head. Soon Louis floored Buddy again with a left.

A left and right combo sent Baer to the canvas for nine. As Baer arose, Louis smashed him to the deck again with a right to the jaw. End of round.

When the bell sounded for the seventh round, Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager, planted himself in front of the challenger and refused to let him come out of his corner.

Donovan promptly disqualified Baer because, he said, Ancil was in the ring during fighting time.

Hoffman insisted that the bell had rung before that last knockdown in the sixth round.

There was much confusion. Donovan insisted that he had not heard the gong before the knockdown.

In any event, Buddy Baer, who had dumped Louis in the first round, found himself ruled out.

They met again on January 9, 1942, and Baer was knocked out in the first round.

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THE RING BEGINS ITS GOLDEN YEAR

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promotion up to that time. In light of the aftermath of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, getting a site for Dempsey-Wills presented a mighty obstacle.

Nonetheless, despite this and other obstructions, The Ring, born the same year in which Wills first challenged Dempsey by posting a $2500 forfeit on June 13, 1922, became a strong advocate of a Dempsey-Wills showdown. Recourse to the files discloses articles by Charles F. Mathison; Hype Igoe; Tad and Ike Dorgan; George B. Underwood; Joe Vila, Billy McCarney and Ed Phillips strongly supporting Wills' cause. These articles appeared consistently through the length of the controversy which lasted from 1922 to 1926.

Eventually Johnson regained public favor, mainly through his own personality which could be most congenial and ingratiating when "Li'l Artha" cared to turn on the charm. His rehabilitation in the public favor was also helped no little by the repeated insistence of Editor Fleischer that the man from Galveston was the greatest heavyweight of all time, bar none.

Racial mores do not yield easily, but the arrival of Joe Louis on the scene in the early Thirties proved a welcome one for The Ring as well as for the world of boxing.

Dempsey's career had proven a life belt in helping keep The Ring afloat. Louis was comparably stimulating to the magazine's circulation.

Following the cover breakthrough, despite protests, the issue sold out. Louis dominated its pages for more than a decade.

In the 50th year of its remarkable run, The Ring spans generations of great social change, particularly on the racial front. Born at a time when most Negro heavyweights were happy to be taken on as sparmates, the magazine now records details of the most munificent, magnitudinous and momentous boxing match of all time in which both participants were black. The recent Clay-Frazier superspectacular should also lay at rest once and for all the hallucination that a black-white confrontation represents a promotional sine-qua-non. Emotions of the type engendered by racial rivalry have been exposed as not only unwelcome but as unnecessary by the unprecedented world-wide reception given the Clay-Frazier fight. The greatest contests of the past half century—both money and interest wise—the Dempsey-Tunney and the Clay-Frazier fights were both uni-racial. In the ring opposites don't necessarily attract, good and colorful fighters do. For decades the illusion was taken as realistic that "two colored guys can't draw." Even black champions wary of a dangerous Negro rival were not above resorting to this tactic of avoidance. But look at what's happened: the biggest gate of all time has been drawn by two colored fighters who in turn collected the highest fee ever paid two human beings for a similar service!

As The Ring proceeds through its 50th year of publication towards a Golden Anniversary some months hence, it is a minor miracle fully in accord with the major miracle of the great Clay-Frazier contest.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

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toward his well-being at a point before a major fight when he is the most finely tuned athlete in the world and any little disturbance can throw his entire system out of whack? . . . Coley Wallace, former heavyweight who portrayed Joe Louis in his life story, is now an executive with Capital Distributors . . . Sammy Angott is busy with retarded children

The Veteran Boxers Association, Ring 8, of New York's annual dinner-dance in the Statler Hilton Hotel, was a huge success, putting its treasury over the $30,000 mark after just two functions in an ambitious "Operation Clubhouse" program. It honored Ring 8 member Jack Dempsey, as Champion of Champions and Fighter of the Century; Monsignor Thomas J. O'Brien, of St. Malachy's Church; Bill Gallo, sports cartoonist for the New York Daily News; and Anthony "Duke' Stefano, asistant Garden matchmaker, for their devotion to "Operation Clubhouse." Also honored for their tireless efforts were publicist-author Ed Weiner and publicist Murray Goodman. Honored for his devotion to boxing was boxing writer Lester Bromberg . . . The New Jersey Boxing Writers voted unanimously not to strip Bob Foster of recognition as world light heavyweight champion, even though New Jersey is a WBA state. Promoter Willie Gilzenberg has a signed contract from Foster to meet No. 1 challenger, Jimmy Dupree, either in Jersey City, Washington, D.C. or in North Carolina. Foster's manager, Louis Viscusi, states, "We will meet Dupree or any other challenger that the WBA deems suitable." Gilzenberg also stated that he felt the WBA was in collusion with the two challengers. It would be a shame to have another split title, with Foster receiving recognition from half the world and a Dupree-Rondon winner, the WBA champ.

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POTENTIAL: IT MAKES SOME PEOPLE WINCE

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shortcomings was that with Tommy Farr in 1937. Tom went 15 rounds with the champion.

Jim Corbett, the first heavyweight to win the title with gloves, was perhaps the most clever boxer of his time. But he left much to be desired as a puncher. He was too clever to be bothered with looking to power. Ergo, it took him 21 rounds to stop fat, old, lumbering John L. Sullivan, the onetime terror of the roped arena.

John L. Sullivan was a puncher and emphatically not a boxer. Peter Jackson was artful but not powerful. Jack Johnson was a fighter for all men and all seasons.

How do some of the heavyweights of more recent years stand with regard to potential?

Let's have a look at Oscar Bonavena. He is one of the most powerful men the ring had has seen in a couple of decades. Could be only Frazier is stronger physically. But Ringo is not a boxer by performance or by instinct.

Nor is he equipped mentally for a serious shot at the title. He showed one major point of improvement in the KO defeat by Clay in New York. He stopped trying to fight from the ropes.

But neither Bonavena, his corner, nor referee Mark Conn, was alive to the fact that Ringo did not get the benefit of the mandatory eight count after the first and second knockdowns in the 15th round.

Jimmy Ellis, who outpointed Patterson in Sweden and was knocked out by Frazier in five rounds, conceivably was rushed beyond his acceptable speed. He did not get the time to realize fully on his skills, which at this time are difficult to catalogue.

Jerry Quarry might have developed into a formidable contender. But he, too, was forced to assume a speed in development which lacked the essential assets in polished ability. Too often had Quarry let his emotions and his temper get the better of him.

How about George Foreman? He is being nursed along expertly. Some day he may be the champion. Right now George does not qualify either as a puncher or as a boxer. But he has the ambition, the drive, the assets with which to work. That he ever will develop potential as a hard hitter appears to be doubtful.

Mac Foster, who was mauled by Quarry in six heats in New York, after having rolled up a truly formidable record in the Far West, very likely will prove that he is a far better heavyweight than he showed himself to be in Madison Square Garden. But his potential as a real socker is not, at this time, impressive. Maybe he was fed too long on the soft touches.

Sometimes a fighter's manager is too eager. Sometimes he is greedy. Sometimes he is too cautious. An overdose of caution killed off Buster Mathis. In the case of Patterson, the caution ploy as practiced by Cus D'Amato, fitted into the times and the heavyweight picture and made much money for the then champion.

Caution certainly did not work to the advantage of Boone Kirkman, who is starting all over again, in an effort to prove himself a fighter after his fast and total destruction in New York by Foreman. Boone came out in a daze, and left the ring in a daze.

SO. CAL'S COME A LONG WAY FROM NAUD JUNCTION TO INGLEWOOD

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was $267,126.

Parnassus departed the Olympic in 1966 and remained in semi-retirement for two years. In 1968, multi-millionaire Jack Kent Cooke selected Parnassus as the man to run boxing at his 18-million dollar Forum in Inglewood.

In less than three years, the 75-year-old native of Methone, Greece, has drawn 1½-million dollars with 19 promotions at the Forum. Of the 19, eight were title matches, featuring Lionel Rose (2); Ruben Olivares (3); Jose Napoles (3).

The 1960s also saw several others try their hand at promoting at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, Santa Monica Civic Aud., Long Beach Aud., Melodyland in Anaheim and the Valley Music Theatre.

The only small club going now is the Valley enterprise with Mickey Davies as matchmaker and Parnassus holding the license.

Though the Los Angeles area has been a hotbed of boxing activity for over 70 years there has been few hombred champions.

The first world titleholder was Solly Smith, born in Los Angeles in 1871. He defeated legendary George Dixon in New Orleans in 1897 over the 20-round route to capture the 126-pound crown.

Don Jordan joined the ranks in 1958, when he registered a stunning upset over Virgil Akins at the Olympic Auditorium. His reign lasted less than two years, losing the bauble to Benny (Kid) Paret.

When Mando Ramos chopped down Carlos (Teo) Cruz, on Feb. 18, 1969, at the LA Sports Arena, to grab off the lightweight title, he became the third boxer born in Southern California to hold an undisputed championship.

There have been other localites like Richie Lemos and Raul Rojas who were title claimants for NBA or WBA crowns, but only three—Smith, Jordan and Ramos—held undisputed championships.

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USA vs. RUSSIA SOVIET SQUAD IS VICTORIOUS

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welterweight ranks, overcame a nervous start to win the second and third rounds and earn a split decision. Muniz also is a member of the American "youth brigade," sharpening their tools for the Olympic Games.

The most thrilling bout of the dual meet, however, was the knockout victory by U.S. Marine Larry Carlisle over Oleg Tolkov, a Soviet veteran of 142 bouts. Carlisle, father of three, was given a rough going-over in the first two rounds but delivered a lightning-fast left hook to Tolkov's jaw which flattened the Soviet boxer at 42 seconds of the third round. It was the first time Tolkov was counted out.

In the 119-pound class, Eduardo Santiago of New York City's Roosevelt High School dropped a decision to Anatole Leceschev, who comes from the Crimean region. Ringsiders booed the decision and Soviet coaches agreed that Santiago will be a major threat in the Olympics despite the loss.

In the 106-pound class, Anatoly Semyonov, at 26 the oldest member of the Soviet team, won a close decision over Albert Davila, a 16-year-old prospect from Pomona, Calif., who developed in a few prior months in the California Junior Olympics program. Semyonov entered the ring with no fewer than 154 bouts under his belt.

Alexander Melnikov had little trouble with Joe Rivera, an Army boxer, in the 126-pound division and Suren Kararyan outpointed Freddie Washington in the 139-pound class. Greg Lewis of Cincinnati, however, earned a much-needed victory for the USA by outpointing Victor Zaparogetz in the 112-pound division and Larry Ward of Milwaukee was decisively outpointed by Juosas Juotshavitshus in the middleweight class.

All in all, the three U.S. coaches were elated with the prospects who developed from the annual confrontation and Soviet coaches agreed that the American fighters showed more stamina than in the past. In the previous dual meets the U.S. boxers folded in the third round when the superior-conditioned Soviet ringmen increased the pressure.

Harry Forbes, promotional director of the New York Daily News who also serves as the Olympic boxing chairman, was happy with the overall showing of the U.S. boxers.

"We had money from the Olympic Development Fund to open camps in Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Dix, N.J., to prepare our athletes," said Forbes. "We definitely proved the investment was a sound one. Our boys fought the Soviet sockers three rounds, three minutes each, from bell to bell."

EIGHTH ARMY TEAM WINS THIRD IN ROW

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champion, had knocked out Jim Athearn of Japan in the semi-finals.

Jim Baysmore of Korea decisioned Tony Maldonado of Thailand to take the lightweight title. Baysmore used an elegant left jab and good right hand to take the win. He defeated Joe Padilla of Okinawa on Saturday to reach the finals.

Jim Montague of Okinawa outpointed Herb Cretini of Korea to win the featherweight title. The Okinawa fighter scored a standing knockdown in the third round to clinch the title.

Armando Perry of Hawaii decisioned Pete Flores of Thailand to win the flyweight title.

King Van Dao of Korea took the bantam weight and Paul Mendoza of Thailand won the light flyweight title unopposed.

The day after completion of the tournament USARPAC officials recommended nine fighters for the All-Army trials at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

Ronald Coleman, the outstanding fighter of the 1971 tournament, led the list of nominees.

Other fighters recommended by USARPAC officials were:

USARPAC heavyweight champion Lieutenant Davis of the Korean team. USARPAC light heavyweight champion Joseph Thomas of the Korean team. Welterweight Jim Bickell of the Korean team. Middleweight Gil Watanabe of the Okinawa team. USARPAC light welterweight champion Jerry Jenkins of the Hawaii team. USARPAC middleweight champion Willie Goodwin of the Hawaii team and lightweight Tony Maldonado of the Thailand team.

● UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES ●
By Tom Ephrem

Tampa, Fla.—For once since taking up residence in Tampa, 23 year old heavyweight Joe "King" Roman heard boos. His failure to score the knockout he promised over Jose Rondon had much to do with it.

Hard as the Puerto Rican tried to reach Rondon upstairs, he found downstairs more accommodating and earned a unanimous decision in the 10-round main event at Fort Hesterly Armory.

Rondon, 32 year old brother of light heavy Vincente Rondon proved a tough customer for Bill Daly's boy and scored best in the third and fourth rounds. For Roman, this was his eighth straight win before home towners, and 38th overall, against six losses and a draw. Rondon has an 11-2-2 mark.

Judges Bob Diaz (99-93) and Floyd Golden (98-93) saw it bigger than Sam Klein's shaver at 97-96. Rondon is from Caracas, Venezuela.

"Wallopin' Willie" Wilson, a light heavyweight newcomer from Pittsburgh made his appearance a neat one, customary of a marine sergeant, and planted a kayo clout on Noah Lewis in the first round. Time: 1:06. Lorenzo Roberts, 159, Tampa, stopped fellow townsman, same weight, Jim Staley, in the fourth. Sandy Jefferis, 155, St. Petersburg, cooled Richard Cooley, 154½, of Tampa, in the third. Eddie Davis, 142, Tampa, pulled the biggest surprise by holding previously undefeated Raymond (Pink Panther) Boyd, 146, of Houston to a draw in six rounds.

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WHAT A GALLERY! JIMMY JOHNSTON, GOULD, McCARNEY, DUMB DAN, MIKE & JOE JACOBS

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But, if Billy was somewhat unique, what about Pete Reilly?

"Mr. Reilly, of whom they speak highly," was fight writer Hype Igoe's favorite way of introducing him in print. He was slight of figure, with darting eyes and a shock of prematurely gray hair. He spoke softly, sometimes inaudibly, but he was an authentic pixie.

For practical jokes, he was top banana. He smeared India ink on phone receivers, called the unsuspecting over to answer it. He hooked up a cherry bomb with a car starter and — you can guess the rest. He made the hot-foot a standard part of training camp life.

Pete's perspicacity was proven. There is the story of a featherweight championship fight in Hartford, where he was in Andre Routis' corner at the start and for the finish was working behind winner Bat Battalino. And I was at the St. Nick's the night he had a tank of oxygen for Petey Scalzo, the first time it was used in a corner in New York since the old days.

Then there was Eddie Mead, the moon-faced, New Yorkese-talking manager known to his older friends as "Beef Stew Eddie."

Eddie was the money-making manager of a young featherweight by the name of Henry Armstrong. "He's going to win every title up to and including welterweight," he said. "Some kind of nut, that Mead, isn't he?" commented many.

But I saw "Beef Stew" go on to the most costly, and elegant cuisine in town.

Along the way he had an amicable parting with his wife of struggle days and married a gorgeous showgirl, an Indian princess so they said, Gloria Youngblood. It was one of my most educational experiences in a training camp to watch Gloria at Greenwood Lake as she sunned herself in an early-day bikini.

The horses were his second passion. The afternoon he stepped out of the then Park Central Hotel and died on the sidewalk of a heart attack he was on his way to place a bet on a horse named Liquid Lunch . . . and, wouldn't you know it? Liquid Lunch won.

Yet, for improving the breed and impoverishing his bank account there was no one more dedicated than Dan Morgan. Here was a onetime managerial titan, managing aging Jack Britton and Battling Levinsky to world titles.

He was a fixture around Mike Jacobs' office, elderly but ramrod straight, seamy in his clothes but ever neat.

Dumb Dan — he'd been dubbed that years before because he'd talk by the hour. Now he still talked on, except when he latched onto some fresh money and buried himself in the entries.

Morgan was in his eighties and visiting the promotion offices daily when, for two days in a row, there had been word that old managers had died. "Can't you just see them up there?" he chuckled, "All the old timers sitting around and asking, 'what's keeping Morgan'?"

Harry Mendel had spent 20 years in six-day bike race, promotions before that sport's demise brought him directly into boxing. He didn't need schooling, he could give lessons to all his contemporaries who thought they knew the score.

Mendel was built like a cigar box, seemingly broader than he was tall. He didn't walk, he scooted along like a dachshund.

As a fight publicist he never had a rival. He didn't wait for the newspapermen. He went into their offices and brought them to camps. And, when they were there, he fought to establish their comfort and insure their enjoyment.

When he was handling Jersey Joe Walcott for the return with Rocky Marciano, and Walcott was accusing Rocky of having butted him in the first fight, he brought a billygoat wearing a Marciano label into a TV studio and actually got it on the air.

RODRIGUEZ SCORES ● CONTROVERSIAL WIN ●

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Fla.—In winning his 30th successive fight at Miami Beach, Luis Rodriguez, 164, Miami, stirred up a mild controversy. The former welterweight champion was given the 10-round duke on a split decision. The most vocal protest emenated from Al Braverman, manager of Bobby Cassidy, 166, New York, who was considered the victimized opponent.

Southpaw Cassidy scored a clean knockdown with a left hook midway in the opening round as the cagy Rodriguez depended on experience to burst out of trouble. In the second, Luis invested the three minutes toward head clearing and for the remainder of the bout he threw punches in his usual style of windmill in order to bring up his score. However, Rodriguez was once more on the receiving end in the ninth as Cassidy laid it on heavy which brought Luis back in the 10th for more non-stop action. The judges scored the bout as follows: Judge Bunny Lovett saw Cassidy ahead, 48-43, referee Eddie Eckert had it 47-44, while Judge Bob Eisenman viewed the bout in favor of Rodriguez, 47-43.

In a pleasing eight round semi-final, Doug Rogers, 159, South Miami, took a decision win over Pleze Williams, 155, Philadelphia. In a sixer, Gene Wells, 160¼, Louisville, outpointed Herman "Scatterhawk" Dixon, 163, Miami. In another six round bout, Joe Gholston, 183, Tampa, outscored George Holden, 195, Melbourne. A final six round bout found Johnny Tutuska, 152, New Jersey, and Cliff Johnson, 150, Fort Lauderdale in a rugged draw. A three round amateur bout found Charley Wilson, 136, Miami, the points winner over Indio Orocha, 135, Miami.

3000 fans attended, with Chris Dundee promoting the Miami Beach Auditorium show.

► **Miami Beach, Fla.**—Levi Forte, 199¼, Miami, boxed Floyd Patterson, 192¼, N.Y., former world heavyweight champion, who has long been his idol, and acted accordingly as he froze before his master. In the second round at the Miami Beach Convention Hall, Patterson draped Forte on the ropes for the third time and referee Cy Gottfried called a halt in accordance with the three knockdown rule. Forte, a clever boxer, showed his only aggressive moment after he hit the deck for the first time as he sailed into Floyd with a flurry of blows, few of which hit their mark.

In the eight round semi-windup, Tommy Torino, 159, Hollywood, Fla., posted a third round TKO over Joe Cavanna, 160¼, Miami, bringing Tommy back to winning form. In a scheduled sixer, Ernie Shaver, 186, promising mid-west banger, scored a first round knockout over Nathaniell Shariel, 185, Miami. Shaver is a former amateur champion. In another six round bout, Joe Gholston, 179, Tampa, outpointed Lee James, 176, Miami, in a good contest. A four rounder found Dennis Byrne, 154¼, Miami, and Eddie Brady, 161, Fort Lauderdale, in a well fought draw verdict. In a three-round amateur contest, Peter Balcunas, 199, Miami, outpointed Henry Brown, 197, Miami. In another three-round amateur bout Percy Samms, 160, Miami, outscored Johnny Smith, 160, Miami. In a third scheduled three round affair, Roy Roster, 170, Miami, kayoed Jihnny Brown, 165, Miami, in the initial stanza.

Over 4000 fans viewed the show at Convention Hall, promoted by Chris Dundee.

► **Miami Beach, Fla.**—Before a crowd of 2496 fans at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Florentino Fernandez proved there is substance to the comeback he initiated about 10 months ago. Now fighting as a light heavyweight and sporting a brand new 7-0-1 record, Florentino, 171, Miami, pummelled Jerry Evans with his vaunted left hooks and occassional right hands to inflict a sixth round technical knockout over the prospect previously unbeaten in this ring. Referee Dick Tobin judged Evans in poor condition following a pair of knockdowns. Though Jerry was badly cut over the left eyebrow in the first round he fought back valiantly throughout the battle. Nose and lip bleeding further put Evans at a disadvantage despite Trainer Lou Gross' efforts to make the flow subside.

In the 10-round semi-final, Eddie Talhami, 181½, Montreal, gained an uneventful points victory over Gholston, 178, Tampa. In the third attempt fillowing a long layoff, the popular Canadian has not yet reached impressive form.

In a six-rounder, Randy Clark, 205, Miami, former U.S. Marine football star, ran his winning streak to 6 straight as he stopped the more experienced George Holden, 197, Melbourne, in the first round. Clark, protege of manager Baron Pate, showed power in both hands as he completely dominated his adversary.

A bright boxing star was unveiled as Otis Locklear, 150, Charlotte, North Carolina, came through in a big test by outpointing Sandy Jefferis, 151, St. Petersburg, in six rounds. Locklear, a former amateur star, won in convincing style over his tough opponent.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Lou Howard, 182, Miami, posted a third round TKO over LeRoy McFadden, 177, Miami.

► **Tampa, Fla.**—Joe "King" Roman, Tampa heavyweight, via San Juan, Puerto Rico, took on the brother of Vicente Rondon and found him to be one tough hombre at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory Arena in Tampa, Florida before 1200 fans. Though the voting in favor of Roman was unanimous, Jose Rondon proved a dangerous adversary as he exhibited a good left hook and powerful right crosses. The victory for Roman brings his record up to 38-6-1 with 8 consecutive wins in Tampa rings. Though Jose Rondon only had 14 pro fights prior to this match he came highly recommended from Caracas, Venezuala where he fought a pair with Jose Garcia and one against Luis Pires, the Brazilian champ.

In the semi-windup of the night, Sandy Jefferis, 155, St. Petersburg, posted a third round KO over Richard Cooley, 154½, Tampa, in a scheduled six rounder to continue a winning streak in his home area. Sandy, boxing out Miami as his base, was accompanied by his manager and trainer, Pat Curry. In another sixer, Lorenzo Roberts, 159, Tampa, stopped Jim Staley, 159, Tampa, in the fourth round. A third six-round bout featuring two good prospects, Eddie Davis, 142, Tampa, and Raymond "Pink Panther" Boyd, 146, Houston, Texas, ended in a draw verdict. Both boys are tabbed for progress in the future and made a top showing before the clientele. The judgment came as a disappointment to Boyd as it blemished his 13 straight winning record. In a final scheduled six rounder, Willie Wilson, lightheavyweight from Pittsburgh was "brought out" as a pro as he bombed out Noah Lews, Montgomery, Alabama, in round one. A former Marine Seargent, Wilson came to Tampa highly touted based upon extensive amateur background. In three ruond amateur matches, Mansfield Brown, 128½, Tampa, stopped Richard Perez, 126, Tampa, early in the first round, while Jerry Hutchinson, 148, Lakeland, outpointed Ronald Tozzi, 152, Clearwater, in a spicy match.

► **Miami Highlights**—Larry Golub, former New York trainer now retired here, spends much of his time in trainng young fghters and has a special interest in amateur Percy Samms at the moment . . . The New Orleans and Tampa middleweight, Tony Licata, recently had his tonsils removed and is now back in training for future Tampa action . . . Sandy Jefferis of St. Pete, back in the pink after scorign a two round knockout over Richard Cooley of Montgomery, Alabama . . . Otis Locklear, former top amateur from Charlotte North Carolina, is now operating here on a permanent basis . . . Currently sharing the sunny weather with Miamians is former prominent light heavyweight Yale Okun who was active from 1924 to 1934, boxing such ringmen as Jimmy Braddock, Tommy Loughran, Ernie Schaef, Leo Lomski, Joe Knight, Maxie Rosenbloom plus a hundred others of that period

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WAGNER HALTS GRAY

By Bruce Trampler

Cleveland—Streaking Irish Billy Wagner, the State light heavyweight champion, continues to mow 'em down. The local sensation, from Cleveland's Collinwood district, returned to his alma mater to erase one of the few blemishes on his sparkling record.

Wagner, 174, Cleveland, started slowly but picked up the tempo to halt Stu Gray, 174, Canada, early in the third of a scheduled 10-rounder. Billy's mind was on his pretty wife, who lay ill in a Cleveland hospital, and the 24-year-old prospect dropped the first round to the aggressive Gray. However, Wagner got down to the business at hand from then on and utilized a heavy body attack to finish Gray, who had held Billy to a draw in his pro debut.

Wagner's record now reads 24-2-1, with 17 knockouts.

Promoter Don Elbaum's show at the St. Joseph's High School Gym attracted some 1400 fans. In the six-round semi-final, unbeaten Croatian Frankie Kolovrat, 146, Cleveland, gained the nod in a hectic battle that could have gone either way over Dick Topinko, 143, Lackawanna, N.Y. Kolovrat has eight straight.

John Morgan, 167, Cleveland, won his third straight by stopping Lee Marvin, 169¾, Erie, Pa., at 2:50 of the third. Harold Carter, 174, Cleveland, gave away a lot of weight as usual and knocked out Joe Brown, 205, St. Louis at 1:35 of the third round. Brown, in his pro debut, claimed to be the son of the former world lightweight champion.

George Elias, 170, Uniontown, Pa., scored his third TKO over vet Ted Hamilton, 163, Fairmont, W. Va., again in the third round. Experienced Willie Williams, 138, Cleveland, and city rival Mike Harris, 134, battled to a four-round draw.

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Ex-flyweight champion Fidel LaBarba will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Saturday, April 24, at the Chalon Restaurant in Los Angeles. Hosting the event will be the Golden State Boxers' Association. The price: 6.50 per person.

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► **Columbus**—Middleweight contender Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, tuning up for a mid-February showdown with Luis Rodriguez, starred in an exhibition at a Columbus night club. In addition to sparring with heavyweights Fankie Schram and Steve Jones, Douglas performed with his combo and turned out some sweet soul sounds. The multi-talented Douglas hopes to make it big in the entertainment eld as well as wtih his fists.

► **Huntington, W.Va.**—Gene Masters, 159, Huntington, won the vacant state middleweight title as he outfought Ted Hamilton, 159½, Fairmont, in a 10-rounder at Memorial Field House.

Hamilton was making his second bid for State honors, having lost an 11th-round TKO to retired champ Kenny Partlow two years back. Neither man was down, although Ted suffered facial cuts.

Irish Bob Scott, 219, Welch, racked up another victim. The six-foot four-inch strongboy with the TNT fists required only 2:57 of round one to halt Bob (The Blimp) Truley, 253, Uniontown, Pa. Truley moved well and hit hard, but the vastly improved Scott was too much for the debuting giant, and gained his fourth straight kayo.

Veteran crowd-pleaser Tommy Shaffer, 169, Uniontown, had his 39th birthday spoiled by the speed and youth of classy Roy Dale, 167, Cincinnati. Dale, the 1968 National Golden Gloves king, ran his record to 14-3 as a pro by taking a hard-fought eight-round decision.

The scheduled 10 between localite Billy Whittenberg and Marion Thomas of Indianapolis was canceled. Whittenberg suffered bad cuts the week before in Portland, Me., against Irish Beau Jaynes, and hadn't recovered sufficiently to meet th slick Thomas.

► **Youngstown, Ohio**—Heavyweight hope Ernie Shavers scored a pair of knockouts in Las Vegas and Miami Beach to run his record to 19-2, with all his wins coming inside the distance.

► **Cleveland**—Promoter Don Elbaum's "Fabulous Fifties" presentation at The Arena had more than a large quantity of action in the five scheduled 10-rounders. There was also some quality fisticuffing, including a big upset that wasn't real surprising to local insiders.

Irish Doyle Baird's career probably ended, as far as big money fights are concerned. Baird, no longer able to make the middleweight limit anymore, weighed 169 against Mike Pusateri, 161, Dedham, Mass. The New Englander came into town in top shape and proceeded to out-hustle and out-slug the Akron foundry worker. Pusateri had the faster hands and threw the more telling shots in the slugfest, and in the seventh, a hard right sent Baird to the canvas for a count of four. Both men were rocked throughout the fiercely fought contest, but the Italian chef was continually able to get inside the long arms of his taller opponent, rip off some hard shots, and get away before Baird could do any real damage.

The decision was unanimous for Pusateri, whose record improved to 29-13-3. He turned pro in 1961 but retired a couple years back after having trouble with eye cuts. However, he emerged from the Baird fight unscathed and in a position to make a good payday. Mike's knockdown of Bairr was no fluke either, as the man can hit. He has 27 knockouts. Baird's record fell to 31-5-1, with 19 kayos. But it was Doyle's prestige that took the biggest drubbing, and the votes of the officials read 45-44, 47-44, and 46-43 for Pusateri.

Irish Billy Wagner, 175, Cleveland, racked up another good win as he took into camp Karl surheide, 175, Milwaukee. Wagner, a rapidly improving young star, scored his 19th win inside the distance when Zurheide could not come out for round six due to a bad cut over his right eye. Beofre the end came, though, it was an interesting contest which unfortunately did not appeal to the fans. Zurheide showed some of the fastest legs yet seen here, but he was not strictly a runner. He boxes very well, and was always doing something, but the fans just didn't buy his act. Wagner soon realized that Zurheide wasn't going to be able to hurt him, and Irish Billy bored in behind a nice jab to belabor Karl in close. Zurheide, the former Texas light heavyweight champ who boxed out of Houston while attending college there, is now 29-8-1, while Wagner is 25-2-1 and ready for bigger game.

Many in the Crowd were there to see the comeback of Ted Gullick, one of the top heavyweight hopes in the world a year ago, who had run into a pair of defeats last summer and then was shot in the leg. Out of action since September due to his wound, Ted came back to stop Sylvester Dullaire, 189, Hartford, Conn., in 1:08 of the fourth round. Ted may have been a little heavy at 204, but he was aggressive and his punches had plenty of steam. Dullaire, a sub for Detroit's Bob Smith, boxed very well but hit the deck in the second after taking a few hard shots. He recovered well and held Gullick off until Ted opened up in the fourth. Gullick notched his 14th kayo in a 15-2 mark. Dullaire, who has met Bill Drover twice, Danny McAlinden, Jim Elder, and George Foreman, is now 7-8-1.

Johnny Griffin, 186, Cleveland, won a slugfest from veteran Willie (The Monster) McMillan, 204, Toledo. Griffin, a stand-up boxer with a sharp jab and fine moves, out-thought and out-sped the awesome looking McMillan for seven rounds, but then the heavy thumping of the Toledo dreadnaught began to take its toll. Willie picked up his attack as Griffin began to tire, and pounded away in rounds eight and nine. Johnny fought back gamely, and the last several rounds were fought toe-to-toe as the crowd cheered them on. The decision went to Griffin unanimously, based on his early lead, by scores of 47-44, 47-46, and 46-42. Griffin, 26, now owns a 15-4 record, while the 33-year-old McMillan, who looks and fights like the late Sonny Liston, is 14-9-1.

In the opening scrap of the evening, classy Chuck Spencer, 124, Cleveland, shook off eight months of inactivity to stop crafty veteran Dick DeVola, 130, Boston, in the fifth round. Spencer, a polished performer who claims the North American bantamweight crown, has no trouble making 118 pounds. He was originally scheduled to meet Carlos Zayas, who was pulled out after a trouncing in Philadelphia from Sammy Goss. DeVola was a capable sub, though, as he bobbed and weaved and punched back hard in a game display. It was a good workout for Spencer, whose superior conditioning took a toll on the courageous DeVola.

The big show attracted 3,928 fans, giving promoter Elbaum a gross of around $24,000 and a nice profit.

► **Akron**—Ernie Shavers, 205, Warren, picked up another win, but the highly touted "Black Destroyer" had no easy time of it. The victim was Dick Gosha, 190, the Chicago-born scrapper now operating out of Seattle, and before going out in the fifth round, Gosha gave as well as he took.

Shavers, now 21-2, started fast as usual and zipped in hard shots to carry he first wo rounds by wide margins. Then Gosha went to work, teeing off to the body and bringing Shavers' hands down, and then switching to the head. The small crowd of around 500 at he Armory cheered as Gosha evened the score after four rounds, and was taking the fifth when the powerful Shavers let fly a hard right to the head.

Gosha went down, and referee Miller did not send Shavers to a neutral corner. Instead, Ernie stood over Gosha during the bout, and blasted Dick as soon as eight was reached. Gosha went back down right away, and again the referee let Shavers hover over his fallen foe. Once again, Gosha arose, only to be flattened immediately. Referee Miller then stopped the fight, citing the three-knockdown rule. It was the 21st kayo for Shavers.

Oddly, Gosha's handler, Willie Ketchum, who had been brought in by promoter Dean Chance to do publicity, did not protest.

Ohio lightweight champion Lyle Randolph, 144, Massillon, knocked out previously unbeaten Rudy Bolds, 143, Pittsburgh, in the second round. Randolph, now 17-4 dropped the former National AAU champ once in the first, and three times in round two. A hard right hand in the second round finished Bolds off. Rudy had won nine straight.

► **Akron**—Dave Matthews, former National AAU and GG 178-pound champ in 1969, suffered his first loss as a pro when tough Willie Burton laced him in a 10-rounder at New York's Felt Forum. Matthews had won 15 straight, but was not in top shape and took a pasting from Burton. Dave will require an eye operation and will be out two months.

CORRECTION

Eddie Peoples TKOd Bob Ellis in five rounds of a heavyweight bout, not Ellis halting Peoples, as carried in the results of the month in the March issue of The Ring.

BOXING QUIZ

1. **Which was the first world heavyweight championship fight that was televised?**
   Ans: Joe Louis vs. Jersey Joe Walcott on Dec. 5, 1947 at Madison Square Garden, New York City.
2. **Who was the shortest heavyweight champion of all time? Who was the tallest?**
   Ans: Tommy Burns, 5′ 7″. Jess Willard, 6′ 6¼″.
3. **Who was the first Jewish fighter?**
   Ans: Daniel Mendoza who started boxing in 1784.
4. **Which fight holds knockdown record for a single fight?**
   Ans: Battling Nelson (7) vs Christy Williams (42) for a total of 49 knockdowns. Dec. 26, 1902.
5. **What was the longest held title in featherweight class?**
   Ans: Johnny Kilbane—11 years and 3½ months (February 22, 1912 to June 2, 1923).
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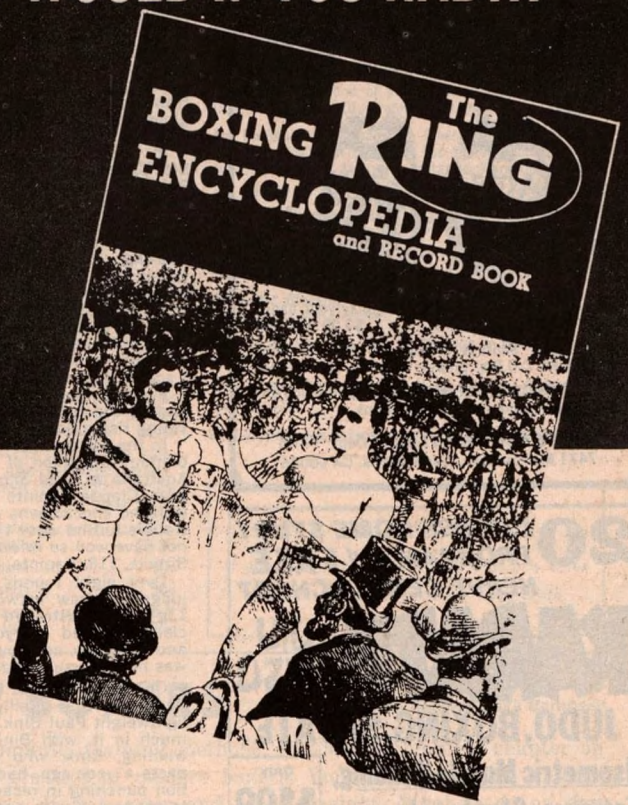

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WHITE OUTPOINTS ROSE IN AUSTRALIAN 15

By Ray Mitchell

Australian lightweight champion Jeff White, 134¼, successfully defended his Australian lightweight title by outpointing Lionel Rose, 133½ over 15 rounds at Milton Tennis Courts, Brisbane. Referee Les Petty scored it 67-66; judges Gus Mercurio and Des Crabbe carded 70-67 and 71-68, respectively. My unofficial card showed 70-69 in favor of White.

White is an exceptionally strong fighter who pours on the pressure in Henry Armstrong fashion, and ot 20 years of oge, hos a good future when he matures, if he learns more about defense.

Rose was not in top condition. He seems to have lost his incentive these doys. Not once did he reveal his brilliant snappy combination punches, although, in several rounds he moved around the ring in replica of Cassius Clay.

Unless Rose once again dedicates himself to boxing, he may as well retire.

The gate, $70,000, was a record for the State of Queensland. Rose, although the challenger, received $13,000 to White's $9,000, the reason being that Lionel is Australia's top drawcard. However, after this loss, he has lost some of his gloss—not by the fact of the loss but because he was not in top condition.

In the 10-round main support, Queenslander Sid Capewell,131, outpointed fellow Stater Alby Roberts, 130, while in an eight, Sydney middleweight Tony Williams, 163, outpointed Queensland's Errol McIvor, 159.

► At Sidney White City Tennis Courts, Bunny Sterling, 159¾, Jamaican-born Englishman, retained his British Empire middleweight title by drawing with Australian champion Tony Mundine, 159¼, over 15. Jimmy Carruthers refereed. There were no judges. It was a very good fight all the way, and it seemed from outside that Sterling was a shade unluckly in having to share the verdict. I scored him three points ahead.

A return bout has been inked in for after the end of the financial year. This time Mundine, a young rising boy, may improve sufficiently to win.

In the 10-round main support, Anthony Sithole, bantam champion of South Africa, who fights in Australia as "Kid Snowball," stopped Frenchman Jean Claude Lapinte in the eighth round. There were no knockdowns and Lapinte was not in real trouble but he wasn't getting anywhere and could not have won so referee Ern Clingan called a halt. Sithole, 118, Lapinte, 117½.

Over eight rounds referee Johnny Famechon judged a draw between Scotsman Willie Reilly, 13g½, and Australian Paul Moore 137, but the decision puzzled everyone. Reilly won six rounds and drew two, as I saw it. Moore, a late substitute, was not his usual sharp self.

► One week later, at South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern, Willie Reilly, 136, outpointed Sydney lightweight Paul Bink, 132½, over 10 rounds. Not much in it, with Bink losing as much as Reilly winning. Bink, who revealed outstanding prospects a year ago, had thrown away his combination punching in recent bouts and seems content to try to win with one hit. The sooner he reverts to his former style the better he will fare.

► Two locals in Leo Young, 138, and Hilary Connolly, 137, contested the main at Melbourne Festival Hall. It was a good fight, with the clever and fast boxing of Young taking him to a points lead. The bout was stopped by referee Terry Reilly in the ninth round when Connolly sustained a badly-cut eye.

► One week later Scot Johnny O'Brien, 134¼, who has settled in Melbourne with his family, gained a solid points win over South African Anthony Morodi, 133, in a good bout.

► Seven nights later, at the same venue, rising Wayne Bannister, 153, of Melbourne, gained an easy points win over veteran Queenslander Graham Dicker, 148½.

► At Melbourne Festival Hall, Australian bantamweigh champion Paul Ferreri, 117½, was held to a draw by Texan Tony Moreno, 114½. As with almost all drawn decisions, each boxer had his supporters. As I did not see the bout I offer no comment on the decision.

In eight-round bouts on the program, Giuseppe Bertucci, 185, received a points decision over Ron Murray, 194, and Bobby Cotterill, 140, outpointed Stephen Dale, 138.

► Former Australion flyweight champion Harry Hayes, 113, was too lethargic in his display against southpaw John Annetta, 115, and was held to a draw at Channel 0 TV Studios, Nunawading. Not a good fight.

► One week later, at the same venue, Don Johnson, 126, won a close points decision over Terry Tears, 127. Seven nights later Rod Kenny, 161, outpointed a safety-first Tony Lithgoe, 161, in a tame bout. A further week later, Rex Downard, 134, halted Frank Bianco, 135, in the eighth.

► Bobby Cotterill, slam-bang junior welter from the Central Coast area of NSW, leaped into the Australian ratings with a six-round KO of Kevin Waters at South Sydney Junior League Club, Kingsford. It was an explosive fight with Waters down once in the first round, once in the fifth and once in the sixth. After each punishing salvo Waters took, he stormed back into the attack but Cotterill was too strong and after the final knockdown Waters had lost his power. I, as referee, stopped the fight at that point. Cotterill scaled 139, Waters 135.

► Two weeks later, Johnny Phillips, 139, having only his third pro fight, easily outpointed experienced Steve Olds, 136, in the main-even eight, at the same club. Phillips did some brilliant work for a lad of his short experience. He is trained by ace trainer Bernie Hall.

► At Kurri Kurri R.S.L. Club (northern N.S.W.) Ricky Johnson, 149, caused an upset by outpointing Hector Thompson, 143,. Johnson beat Thompson by counter-punching. Five nights later at Maitland, Thompson, 138, comfortably outpointed Ray Cannon, 147. Both bouts over 10 rounds.

► Experienced John Batty, 126, upset Lucky Gattellari, 123, (brother of Rocky) over 10. Batty won every round. Venue was Marrickville R.S.L. Club.

► What a fight it was at Melbourne Festival Hall on Feb. 15 English import Eric Blake, 153,¼, halted New Zealand thumper Kahu Mahanga, 159¾, at the end of the eighth round, a bad swelling under Mahanga's right eye bringing the stoppage. These two bounced solid punches off each other like peas off a drum but Blake was the only one who was dazed. He had an uneasy passage in the fifth round. Nevertheless it was Mahanga who slowed to a walk by the seventh stanza. Blake showed good skill, heavy hitting and extreme toughness. We want to see more of him.

► Former Australian middleweight champion Dick Blair came in overweight at 172 but his experience proved to be to much for John Wooden, 180, who came in lighter than usual, and Dick won when referee George Barnes stopped the fight in the eighth round. Venue was Riverwood Legion Club.

► At South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern, Paul Moore, 143¾, showed out extremely well in easily outpointing Peter Lund, 145½.A good fight.

► One week later Eddie Dawson, 159¼, leading contender for Tony Mundine's Australian middleweight title, outpointed Rod Kenny, 161, by a very comfortable margin. Quite a good fight. In the eight-round support Terry Tears, 129, and Steve Chester battled hard all the way, with Tears winning a points decision.

► At Wagga Wagga Leagues Club, Ron Murray, 196, was too big and too fast for Bernie McGrath, 175 and ran out a good points winner after eight rounds.

► Steve Chester, 131, KO'd Tom Roberts, 132½ in six of the main 10 at North Sydney Leagues Club.

► Graham Bell, 130, narrowly outpointed Kevin Chester, 130, brother of Steve, in the best fight seen at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, in a long time.

► Boxing, which boomed to grand heights in 1970, already is ahead of 1970 at the corresponding period in 1971, as far as number of promotions is concerned.

THACH UPSETS JONES IN MICHIGAN

By Elliot H. Harvith

Detroit, Mich.— A crowd of 2,500 showed up to witness the 21st Century Boxing Club's first card of the year and were not disappointed as plenty of action was provided.

Dave Thach, 160, Kalamazoo, pulled a major upset with an eighth round KO over Tiger Cat Jones, 160, Detroit, to capture the middleweight championship of Michigan. It was one of the greatest action fights in the history of Michigan boxing. Thach, who now establishes himself as one of the best prospects in the country, ran his record to 10-2-1 while Jones suffered his first defeat in 13 fights.

Len Hutchins, 175, Detroiter based in Philly, stopped Evil Al Evans, 175, Detroiter based in Milwaukee, in the seventh round to capture the Michigan light heavy title.

In the curtain-raiser John Mangun, 161, Detroit, made it 3 for 3 as a pro by stopping Franklyn Wilson, 158, Chicago. Wilson was cut over his left eye and not allowed to come out for round two.

► **Milwaukee**—Battling Bob Smith, former heavyweight champion of Michigan, made his comeback to the ring wars after nearly a one year layoff. To term it mildly, it was not exactly a success. He was floored for the first time in his career as Benny Black of Chicago stopped him in the fourth round. In the main-event on this card, held at the Eagles Club, Evil Al Evans KO'd Harold Carter of Cleveland in five rounds.

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BOXING IN COLOMBIA

By Luis A. Gonzalez V. (Lagoven)

Barranquilla—Off his performance against Oralndo "Paticas" Jiménez before 3,000 guests in "Humberto Perea" Coliseum, Bernando Caraballo, the 29-year-old former bantam contender and ex-Colombian flyweight and bantam champion, would do well to bid the ring goodbye. Caraballo stopped Jiménez in the sixth round with a left hook to the liver. It was a regular fight.

► at Cartagena, Caraballo lost to "Paticas" Jiménez in 10 rounds. Now, when they met the second time in Barranquilla City, Jiménez was stopped in a so-so affair which lasted two minutes of the seventh.

Caraballo, 127¼, suffered a knockdown in the second. Jiménez weighed 127¾.

Rey Ramírez, 109, and Herb Locket, 115½, Panamanian, drew in six rounds.

Hugo Barraza Prentt, 131½, won on a sixth-round TKO over Lolo Pitalúa.

► **Cartagena**—Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez, after a long layoff, kayoed veteran Juan Jiménez, Dominican Republic, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Once de November Stadium.

Valdez, 154, used a sharp left hook and a right cross to the body in 1:40 of the second round to kayo Jiménez, 154.

José Godoy defeated Adalberto Gómez, in another eight-rounder. Both are featherweights.

Donald León halted Perfecto Valdez in the third of a scheduled six.

Félix Salgado, a younger flyweight, belted out Eduardo Herrera in the fourth round.

TYLER VICTOR OVER BRANNON AT RICHMOND

By Jack Levinson

Richmond's professional boxing promoter, Brooks Bowen, continues promotions with hopes that he will create enough interest in the manly art of boxing to at least break even. Here's wishing a quick recovery to Brooks' bankroll.

Promoter Bowen was recently forced to use a substitute for Marcus Anderson. Anderson became sick the night before his scheduled bout with Clyde "Skeeter" Tyler. 18-year-old James Brannon of Birmingham, Alabama, was rushed into a substitutes role. Brannon gave Tyler plenty of trouble in the first 3 rounds. At 1:35 of the fourth, Tyler caught Brannon with a left hook to the breadbasket. Referee Billy Sahnow halted the contest when Brannon appeared unable to defend himself.

Granddaddy Dave "Sugar" Wyatt of Richmond, scored a seventh round TKO over Ray Lancaster, Spartanburg S.C. In the first six rounds, Wyatt used his left jab to an advantage. In the opening of the seventh round, Granddaddy pounded lefts and rights, causing referee Sahnow to halt the contest, after 50 seconds. Thomas "Dynamite" Robinson making his professional debut, won a unanimous six round decision over Mike Padgett, of Spartanburgs.

► Retired Navy Lt. Matty Walsh, 76 years old, died in Norfolk and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery. Matty was a former Navy boxer. He was a licensed boxing (Virginia) referee and also officiated in football, baseball and basketball.

HART WINS IN PHILLY

By Archie Pirolli

Unbeaten Eugene (Cyclone Clark) Hart's knockout streak has reached 17. The Philadelphia middleweight knocked out Fred (The Rock) Martinovitch in the third round at the Blue Horizon. He had floored Martinovitch twice in the second round, marking the first time in 43 fights that he has been knocked off his feet. The fight was witnessed by 1,043 fans.

In other bouts, Bill Pharr KO'd Al Cook in the first round, Chuck Sampson and Robert Williams drew in four rounds, Mario Rosa TKO'd Clarence Fibbey in the fourth round, and Al Hayman outpointed Art Nettles in six rounds.

► Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J., TKO'd Carlos Zayas, New England bantamweight, in the fifth round at the Blue Horizon Arena. It was a powerful performance by Goss. Referee Ed Marion finally stopped it in the fifth round with Zayas dangling helplessly on the ropes while Goss' piston like punches were delivered in waves. By the middle of the fourth ound Zayas' movement had been slowed down and he was nothing more than target practice.

This was the first return to the ring by Goss after his loss to Ricardo Arredonda of Mexico. The crowd of 1346 was the second largest since J. Russell Peltz began promoting in the Blue Horizon.

In six round prelims, all of which were good fights, Bobby (Boo galoo) Watts won a booed decision over Roy Edmonds, of New York, William Watson of Philly decisioned Gary Wells of Cleveland; and heavyweight Johnny Gause and Gene (Spider) Owens fought to a draw.

NOTES FROM THE COAST

By Abe Hochheiser

Los Angeles, Calif. — The newly formed California Golden State Veteran Boxers Association is sponsoring a testimonial dinner for ex-flyweight champ Fidel LaBarba at Los Angeles . . . The 80th birthday dinner for ex-champ Willie Ritchie held at San Francisco was arranged by Ritchie's long-time friend, ex-boxer and newspaperman Billy Mahoney.

Ex-light heavyweight champ John Henry Lewis is retired and lives in Oakland . . . Former lightweight champ Lauro Salas is now a special agent with the Chicago Police Department . . . At the annual Los Angeles YMCA sports awards dinner veteran pilot Stephen (Scey) Welch was presented with the "Sportsman Of The Year" plaque and Jerry Moore, ex-welterweight of the 40's who fought Tippy Larkin, was presented the "Golden Glove trophy . . . Davey "Indian Red" Lopez, a 120 pounder, boxing in the amateur ranks around the Los Angeles area, is a younger brother of Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez and is being tutored by Howie Stiendler. He is a fighter who bears watching . . . North Hollywood gym owner and ex-boxer Gene Mock has taken over the management of Richie Sue Portland, Oregon featherweight and junior lightweight.

Ex-heavyweight contender of the 40's and 50's Clarence Henry who fought Archie Moore, Jimmy Bivins and Bob Satterfield is now a stuntman in Hollywood motion pictures . . .

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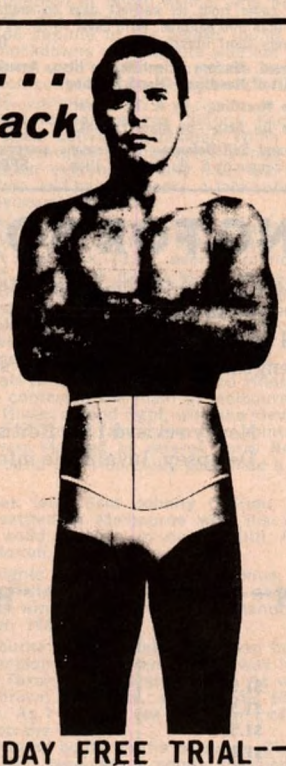

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

After Slow Start, Buchanan Whips Navarro

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES—For a fellow given only three days notice, Ruben Navarro fought quite a fight against world lightweight king Ken Buchanan of Scotland.

Buchanan, dropped to one knee by a right hand in the first round, came on strong to take a unanimous 15-round decision before 10,360 fans at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The Aileen Eaton-Don Chargin promotion did $96,400, which was very good, considering that prize attraction Mando Ramos pulled out of the title match just three days previously.

Navarro, who accepted the challenge when a groin injury forced Mando to cancel out, was not geared to go the 15-round distance.

The youngster from the Highlands had problems with the quick moving Mexican-American in the early rounds. Buchanan just couldn't land any solid blows till the eighth round. Then the Scot found the range and took command.

Buchanan had size and fancy footwork, but he was never able to hurt the weary Navarro. However, Ken hit the Los Angeles boxer with some heavy blows, when he would catch him on the ropes.

Until Navarro started to slow down, Buchanan's attack was mostly a stinging left jab. He winced several times when Ruben landed with body punches. The referee, Arthur Mercante of New York, warned Navarro about hitting low and on the back.

By the eighth round, the lad from Scotland was in full command and Navarro was out of the running.

During the rest of the fight, except for brief flurries, Navarro spent his time catching left jabs and right hands to the head.

The scoring went like this: Mercante and Los Angeles judge Lee Grossman scored it 9-4. British official Harry Gibbs, had it 9-2. Buchanan weighed 134½; Navarro, 135.

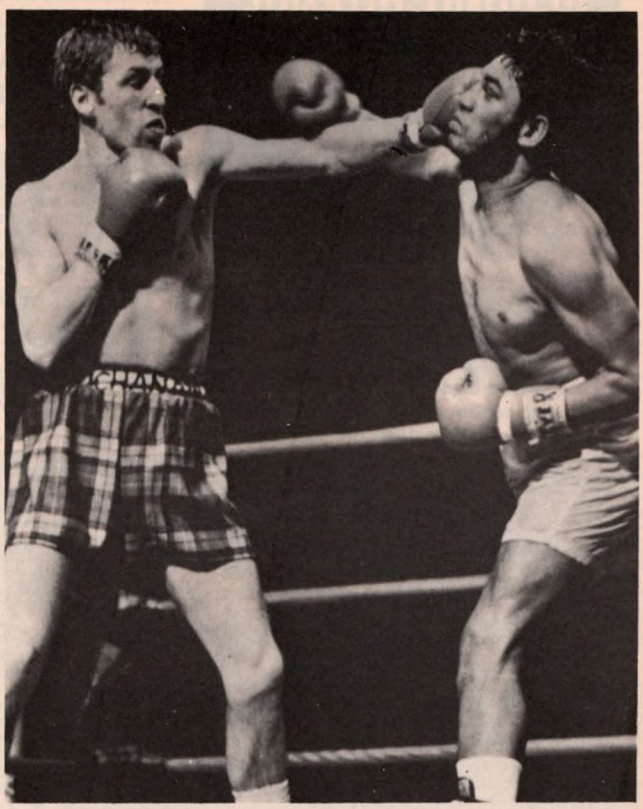
Buchanan praised Navarro as a "real good fighter, but was disappointed he didn't face Ramos."

Loser Navarro said that "if I had time to train, there was no question I would have won".

The use of two non-Californian ring officials was a first for California. The talk was that Buchanan wouldn't fight unless two neutral officials worked.

Unbeaten local prospect Armando Muniz, 153, East Los Angeles, continued his winning ways, stopping Mike Seyera, 152, Portland, Ore., in the third. It was a one sided affair, with Seyer down three times before referee John Thomas ended the match.

Other bouts: Rudy Robles, 161, Hawthorne, KO over Chuck Jefferson, 158, os Angeles, (3); Rickie Sessions, 123, Los Angeles, KO over Antonio Villaneuva, 121, East Los Angeles, (6).



Lightweight king Ken Buchanan of Scotland (left) lands a sharp left to the face of challenger Ruben Navarro during their title scrap at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Buchanan received the unanimous decision at the end of 15 rounds.

► **WOODLAND HILLS**—Irish Mike Quarry, 173, Anaheim, remained in the unbeaten class after capturing a split 10-round decision from veteran Andy Kendall, 174, Portland, Ore., before a turnaway crowd of 3100 at the Valley Arena.

It was the 26th straight win for the youngest of the fighting Quarry clan and withou a doubt, his toughest test to date.

Kendall, who once boxed Bob Foster for the light heavyweight title, took everything Quarry could throw and came back for more.

While there was no knockdowns, both fighters were shook on several occasions. Young Mike landed the better punches.

At the finish, the Indian from the Pacific Northwest tossed a punch or two after the bell. Brother Jerry jumped into the ring to restore order. Several fans wanted to get into the act and as a result, ring announcer Stan Brown, took a haymaker in the mouth.

The gate figures was a record for the small club. The gross gate was $13,065.

In a supporting 10-rounder, Felipe Torres, 135, Mexico City, was sharp in halting Angel Mayoral, 134, San Diego, in the sixth round. Mayoral was down twice before the bout was stopped.

Irish Mike Nixon, 157, Glendale, decisioned Johnny Wise, 159, San Diego, (6).

► **WOODLAND HILLS**—Chuck Haynes, 195, Deroit, a 3-1 short ender, upset "Shotgun" Joe Shelton, 205, Cleveland in the 10 round main event at the Valley Arena.

Haynes used a strong body attack in the early rounds to maintain the advantage. Shelton tried for the big one punch, but he could never connect. It was a unanimous verdict.

Other results: Bobby Carrillo, 140, Lancaster, drew with Agapito Villegas, 140½, Mexico, (6); Bobby (Cisco) Rodriguez, 133, Santa Ana, dec. (*Continued on page 64*)

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McNAMEE WINS THREE BOUTS AT PROVIDENCE
By Dan Nardi

Providence, R.I.—R.I. Auditorium—Denny McNamee, Pawtucket, R.I., lightheavy, encountered the best fighter he has faced and had the toughest fight of his mrief pro career when he went up against young, tough Kenny Warner, former Golden Glover, from Jersey City, N.J. But McNamee, the Irish-Italian Vietnam veteran, came out on top and remained undefeated in his ninth pro bout.

McNamee won a unanimous eight round decision over Warner in a rousing bout that had the fans on the edges of their seats for the full eight rounds. The battle was so heated at times that the fighters fought after the bell in the third and seventh rounds. After the seventh round bell, McNamee belted Warner in the stomach and floored him. Warner was down for the mandatory eight count in the third round. Willie Pep refereed and had his hands full for eight rounds.

Duke Stefano, N.Y. Garden Assistant Matchmaker, was in the audience of 1,511 persons which paid a gross of $5,380. It is the second time that Duke has looked over Ed Imondi's boy. It may mean a boxing on the N.Y. Garden undercard for the Pawtucket lad in the near future.

Paul Cardosa, hard punching lightheavy from New Bedford, Mass., was very impressive in scoring a third round TKO over Bob Benoit of Springfield, Mass.

Ed Casey, heavy from New Bedford, Mass., had to go all out to beat George Holden of Medford, Mass., in six rounds. Besides being outweighed by 26 pounds, Holden broke his right thumb in the first round and refused to quit and, in a rare display of courage, held off his heavier opponent for six rounds, using his left hand only.

Marcelino Allecia, Worcester, Mass., a local favorite and crowd pleaser, survived a tough first round and kayoed Jose Pagan in the third.

► **Providence, R. I.**— R. I. Auditorium—Denny McNamee, undefeated Uawtucket, R.I. Lightheavy, took a unanimous decision over previously undefeated Cha Cha Cabrara of Puerto Rico.

Cabrara, undefeated in 12 previous bouts, was very aggressive and extended the local youngster for the full eight rounds, but Denny had a bit more than Cha Cha in a real good exciting bout which pleased the 1,114 fans for a gross of $4,481. Willie Pep refereed.

Manny Frietus, middleweight veteran from Lowell, Mass., won on a disqualification over Jode Harris, Springfield, Mas., in the fifth round. One of Harris' seconds jumped in the ring in the fifth round for the automatic disqualification.

Bruno Scholtz, 169, Bridgewater, Mass., first round kayo winner over Mel Ward, 171, Long Island, N.Y.

John Frietus, 161, Swansea, Mass., second round kayo winner over Stoney Hunt, 160, Long Island, N.Y.

Steve Yanacheck, 132&, N.Y. defeated Kid Fuller, Worcester, Mass., TKO, four rounds.

► **Providence, R .I.**—R. I. Auditorium— Denny McNamee, Pawtoucket, R.I., lightheavy, had too many guns for veteran trial horse, Henry Jeter, White Plains, N.Y., and won on a four round TKO. Willie Pep refereed the main bout

Bruno Scholtz, local favorite and hard puncher, was upset by Spider Freeman of Roxbury, Mass., and went down via a second round TK..

Roosevelt Brown, Dorchester, Mass., kayoed tough Johnny Frietus, Swansea, Mass., in the third round. Marceline Allecia, Worcester, Mass., kayoed Leo Randolf, N.Y.C., in the second round. Jose Pagan, Lowell, Mass., decisioned John Pella, Waterbury, Conn., four rounds. Lloyd Wilson, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., won a four round decision over Tony Cruz, Brooklyn. N.Y.

The above card drew 1,361 fans for a gross of $5,153.

► Darie Enterprises, local promoter of above three cards, is trying hard to promote bouts every two weeks. Al Braverman, matchmaker. Local favorite Ricky Raimondi in training again after bout with the flue and Manager Trainer Johnny Dunn is anxious to get his boy rolling again. Tom Dragon, hard punching lightheavy from Esmond, is back in training after sustaining jaw injury in bout against Manny Frietus, looking forward to a rematch.

BENOIT UPSETS CHIRINO IN BRUISING BATTLE
By Ronnie "Burns" Bouse

North Bergen, N.J.—In one of the most exciting fights ever seen at Embassy Hall, Bobby Benoit, Oakham, Mass., upset the highly regarded South American, Jose Chirino, in the 10-round middleweight main event. It was a classic bout of slugger vs. boxer which thrilled the large crowd.

The early rounds saw the redheaded lad from Mass. sharpshoot the hard-hitting left hooker from Argentina with stinging jabs and hooks to win the early rounds. In a heated exchange in the fifth, Benoit caught his foe with a hard right uppercut. The South American dropped to the canvas for the required eight count and rose on rubbery legs at the end of the round. The sixth saw Chirino charge out of his corner and take the play from his foe in a fine round that had the fans cheering, only to have Benoit dazzle him in the next two stanzas.

Chirino made a strong bid in the last two rounds, taking Benoit's crisp jabs while getting in some good left hooks. But he could not overcome the early tide. The win boosted Benoit's record to 26-4 and dropped Chirino's to 18-4-4. Fans want a rematch in this one.

Brian O'Melia of Jersey City returned to his winning ways by taking a six-round semi over big George Simpson of New York in a hard-fought heavy go. Ken Warner, 162, Bayonne, showing great improvement under the wing of Al Certo, boosting his record to 4-2 over the rough, tough Ruben Figueroa, 165, Puerto Rico. Clar Finney, 162, Phila. defeated Ernie Ortiz, 165, New York in another six. The curtain raiser saw flashy Felix Figueroa, 125, Puerto Rico TKO Tony Diaz in the first round in a four.

► **Sunnyside, Long Island, N.Y.** — Otho Tyson, greatly improved New Jersey 135-pounder from Secaucus who can be remembered for that great 10-round draw for the New Jersey welter title against Bricktown's Rick Thomas recently, KO'd Neil Welsch, 136, Trinidad, in the fifth of an eight round go at Sunnyside Gardens in New York.

► **New York**—Richie Villanueva brought back the Spanish Golden Glove—135 pound title to Jersey City after many tough fights in that tournament at Sunnyside Gardens in Long Island. Villanueva of Jersey City, boxing under the banner of the Jersey City Rec. won over Abacud Baez of the New York PPAL. Jersey City's other entry, Pablo Nieves was not as fortunate as he lost a close decision against Jose Guzzman, New York for the 118 pound championship.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

VELENSEK NEW EUROPEAN LIGHT HEAVY TITLEHOLDER

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN—Piero Del Papa, Italy, has collected his last big pay day in Germany for a while. Having defended his European light heavyweight crown against Wilhelm von Homburg, Rudiger Schmidtke and Horst Benedens successfully, the Italian made one trip too many and was dethroned here at the Deutschlandhalle by an outsider, Conny Velensek, Germany.

Del Papa probably expected an easy touch here in Berlin, for Velensek had lost to Schmidtke, a man the Italian had beaten. The purse of DM 50,000 was attractive and one could not blame del Papa and manager, Branchi, for accepting this voluntary defense and shelving Britain's Eddie Avoth for a while. Unfortunately for the Italian, he underrated the German and lost his crown. Papa was engaging in his tenth European championship bout.

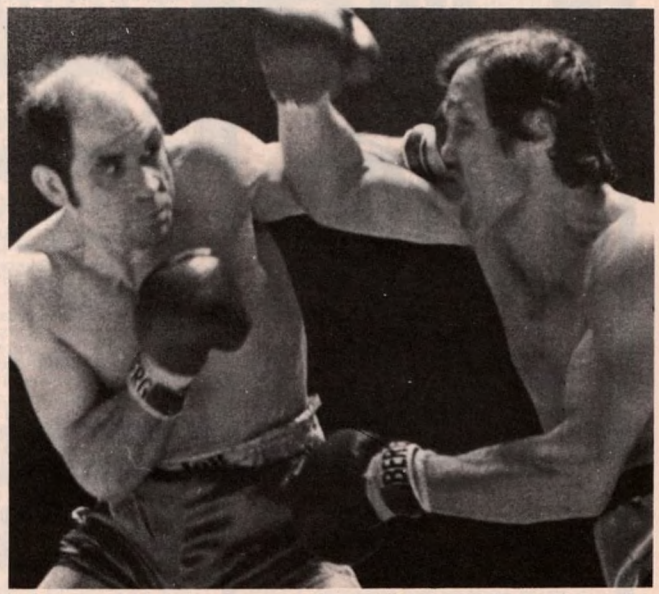
Velensek was a challenger in the real sense of the word. He was always on the attack and never allowed the champion to settle down. Del Papa found no real answer to Velensek's aggressiveness until the final rounds when it was too late to diminish the German's lead on points. The fight was close but Velensek deserved the vote. Del Papa claimed a draw but added that Velensek was stronger than any of his previous German opponents.

One wondered if Velensek would stay the route, for he chased the champion from the opening bell and never let up for a second. Both were in tremendous condition and the fight was well worthy of a championship tag. It was a difficult bout to score from the ringside because many punches landed but did not warrant a point. Judges Rautilainen (Finland) and Nielsen (Denmark) both had the German two points in front but referee Ben Brill scored Del Papa with two plus points.

The Italian press were of the opinion that Del Papa deserved a draw and would have held onto his crown had the fight been staged in his own backyard. "II GIONO" (Milan) told its readers that a boxer fighting abroad must have a four point lead to be sure of the verdict. The verdict was not a scandal but in Italy the champion would have won. The "CORRIERE della SPORT" was of the opinion that Del Papa would have held on to his crown at home. Velensek built up a lead in the early rounds and then withstood the champion's aggressiveness in the final heats.

Velensek is a restaurant owner and has been boxing as a professional for some four years. This was his 27th win as against five defeats. One of 10 children, Velensek was born to Yugoslavian parents on March 1, 1942, after his parents had settled down in Holland. In 1954, he obtained German nationality and, as an amateur won 148 contests. Papa weighed (79.3 kg) and Velensek (79.0).

In a local heavyweight championship affair, Germany's "Two-ton Tony Galento," Peter Weiland, lost his crown to Horst Benedens, the bout being stopped in the interval between frame seven and eight. Last November, Benedens lost



Bald-headed Conny Velensek (left) lands a left to the head of Piero del Papa on his way to a 15-round triumph, and the European light heavyweight title at Berlin.

to Del Papa in a European light heavyweight affair. Against Weiland, having no worries concerning his weight, he was more confident and very relaxed. He had koed Weiland in his amateur days and had very little respect for the massive champion whose tremendous weight and size slowed him down to a standstill at times. In frame six, Benedens caught him with a right hook to the chin and Weiland took a count of 'seven'. As Weiland was on the canvas a second time the bell sounded. At the end of round seven the champion was bleeding from the mouth and nose, his lip was cut and he had a gash under the left eye. A doctor's inspection of the facial lacerations caused the referee, Perpeet, to stop the fight. This was the 69th heavyweight championship fight since Flint KOed Metz in five rounds in Berlin in 1919. It was the 30th to be staged in Berlin. Dortmund was the scene of 15, Hamburg 13, Cologne 5, Dusseldorf 3, Kiel 2 and Munich 1. 32 were won by KO, 27 on points, 9 were drawn and one NC. It was the fifth to end in frame eight. It was Weiland's first outing since he was koed by Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain in Madrid on April 4th, 1970 when he lost his European heavyweight crown. Benedens is the 24th German to wear the heavyweight crown.

Promoter Zeller paid DM 51,000 for the privilege of staging this heavyweight title bout in Berlin. The Del Papa-Velensek affair cost another DM 60,000 with DM 10,000 going to the German challenger.

Gerhard Piaskowy, Berlin, had his first outing since he was KOd by Jose Hermandez some 154 days ago when he lost his European junior middleweight (*Continued on page 65*)

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PRUITT SCORES GOOD VICTORY OVER LEWIS

By Ted Yamachika

Honolulu—Adolph Pruitt, 141¾, Los Angeles, handily outscored Hedgemon Lewis, 146, Los Angeles, in a 10 round main event held at the HIC arena. The unanimous verdict had referee Walter Cho favoring Pruitt 48-44, while judges Frankie Gomes and Louis Race turned in scorecards of 49-45 and 49-46 respectively.

For Pruitt, who is now campaigning as a welter, this was an important win.

The fight was closer than the three officials' point spread indisates. Pruitt won on his aggressiveness and his harder blows, two of which really rocked Lewis. Lewis undoubtedly would have had a better chance of winning had he made the most of his age, weight and reach advantages. As it turned out he was satisfied to let Pruitt set the pace and fought only in short spurts.

A crowd of better than 7,000 fans paid $47,156.50 to witness this Boxing Enterprises promoted card.

Chung Kyo Shin, 135, Korea, beat Rudy Tulonghari, 134¼, Philippines, six. Tadashi Okamoto, 125½, Japan, TKO'd Chung Park, 125¼, Korea, in three. Walter Charles, 138¾, Los Angeles, defeated Johnny Williams, 144½, Los Angeles, six. Young Sup Park, 116, Korea, decisioned Shoji Ishikawa, 117¾, Japan, four. Kwang Sun Kim, 127, Korea, outpointed Masahito Takahasi, 128¾, Japan, four.

►Fernando Cabanela, 114¾, Philippines, outpunched Felix Marquez, 114½, Venezuela, to win a lopsided decision in a 10er at the HIC arena. The fight proved very dull as neither fighter was able to land any kind of a solid blow.

Tadashi Okamoto, 126, Japan, TKO'd Kwang Sun Kim, 125, Korea, in the fourth of six. This Okamoto boy bears watching. A two fisted puncher, he has scored 5 knockouts since coming to Honolulu about six months ago.

Chung Kyo Shin, 136, Korea, beat Mar Yuzon, 134, Philippines, in six. Young Kennedy, 150½, Honolulu, decisioned Tommy Iwase, 149, Japan, in six rounds.

Asuyoshi Araki, 117¾, Japan, beat Young Sup Park, 116¾, Korea, five. Masahito Takahashi, 127¾, Japan, TKO'd Tetsuzo Ishimaru, 127¾, Japan, in the first of five.

►Ely Yares, 137, Philippines, had his hands full trying to solve the unorthodox style of Chung Kyo Shin, 137¾, Korea, but he managed to land the more telling blows to win a split 10 rounde decision at the HIC arena. One judge had the fight even. The other had Yares winning by 9 points and that much of a difference in a 10 round 5 point system bout is a bit too much. And we've been having quite a few weird decisions lately.

In a companion 10er Ely Axinto, 115, Philippines, finished Mikio Nakata, 114¾, Japan, in the third round with vicious body attacks.

Mar Yuzon, 134½, Philippines, fought a draw with Yoshimi Hanabusa, 134¾, Japan, six.

Domi Manalang, 123, Philippines, decisioned Hiroshi Ishibashi, 121½, Japan, in a six rounder.

Masa Toyoshima, 127, Japan, was gifted a win over Masahito Takahashi, 127, Japan, five.

MARCOTTE DEFEATS ROSS AT QUEBEC

By Frank Allnutt

Quecec, Can.—In a fine 10 round fight which drew some 3,000 fans, Fernand Marcotte, Queceb, 147, won a unonimous decision over veteran Don Ross, Toronto, 145. There were no knockdowns and Ross was the aggressor throughout but the fine boxing of Marcotte proved to be the winning factor. Ross was cut over the eye but not enough to stop the fight, this was a fine win for the young Marcotte who now has a 10-0 record.

►**Toronto**—In a wild light heavyweight slugfest held at the York Centre Ballroom, Ronnie Edwards KO'd Aldo Carelli in the 10th and final round. Edwards caused a big upset here as he was taking part in his third fight in two years. Both are local boys and Carelli's record is now 9-3. In other bouts, the Summerhays brothers kept on their winning ways. Lightweight Johnny Summerhays winning over Johnny Thomas, Toronto, after four. Over six rounds, welterweight Terry Summerhays won a decision over Tony Torontali, Toronto, in a hard fought six. In the semi-final over eight rounds, light heavyweight Gary Summerhays turned in an impressive win over Ellis Poole, Buffalo. The brothers, who hail from Brantford, Ontario are pleasing fighters. They are trained and managed by Frank Bricker of that area who took Gordon Wallace of that area to a Commonwealth title back in 1955 when he KO'd Randy Turpin in four rounds. Light heavyweight Gary Summerhays should be fighting for the Canadian title this year.

►**Shawinigan**—The newly crowned Canadian Jr. Welterweight champion, 18-year-old Reynald Cantin won a unanimous decision over Jean Claude Lemay in an eight-round fight held here. Cantin, at 144, spotted his opponent some 17 pounds in weight and was never in trouble. In the second round, he decked Lemay for an eight count. The officials saw it 40-34, 39-36 and 37-35 for Cantin who took the fight as a warm-up for his title defense against Arthur Jones in Montreal this month. Other results on the card were as follows, Arthur Jones, Montreal, won a decision over Serge Priour, Montreal, after six. Over four rounds Michel Godin, Montreal, decisioned Andre Beaubien, Three Rivers. Victor Bernier, Quebec, won over Armand Sanschagrin, Queceb. Over eight rounds Pierre Chiasson, Quebec, stopped Roland Quellette, Three Rivers, in four.

Montreal is by far the best fight city in Canada at the present time, both in pro and amateur boxing. It runs regular fight cards which are priced right for the fans. Unlike the Toronto sports pages, which continue to ignore local boxing, the Montreal papers do a fine coverage of all shows complete with action photos. The recent fight in which local fighter Don Ross headlined the card was covered in Toronto papers with exactly seven lines. The four bout card held at the York Centre Ballroom was given 17 complete lines. It is hardly the coverage one expects for local sport especially when one paper proudly advertises, "We really care."

UNBEATEN LICATA HALTS OPSHINSKY

By Ron Virgets

Walter Opshinsky, 163, Scranton, Pa. was an uninvited guest at the 19th birthday of Tony Licta, 161, New Orleans, and paid for his brashness with a severe drubbing as the unbeaten local stopped him via a TKO in 2:33 of the seventh.

The scheduled 10-rounder was the main event on the Frank Lopinto promotion at the St. Bernard Auditorium.

Licata looked extremely sharp against the hard-hitting Pennsylvania slugger, hitting with authority and avoiding punches. In the third, Tony unleashed a two-fisted attack that dropped the invader twice and had him out on his feet.

The gutty Opshinsky weathered the next three rounds, but his tiring hooks were wide of the target and he found himself ripped by the counter-punching Licata. In the seventh, Tony blasted his bleeding foe with a dozen blows without a return and Lucien Joubert signaled a halt.

The three six-round supporting bouts were a mixed bag: Ray Durdain, 146, New Orleans and Roy Hester, 146, Pascagoula, battled to their second draw in three meetings, Johnny Capitano, 138½, outpointed Frank Crosby, 135, and Ricky Capitano, 132, took out Lou Brock, 138, in the first round.

Licata boosted his pro mark to 17-0-1, while Opshinsky fell to 16-3, failing for the first time to go the distance.

►Welterweight Jack Tillman, a youthful mongoose from Mobile, Ala., handed local Billy Vining the worst beating of his career in halting the New Orleanian at 2:13 of the sixth.

The scheduled 10er was the main event in New Orleans' first show of 1971, promoted by Lou Messina at the Rivergate Center.

Tillman, punching with lethal suddenness, dropped the gutty Vining six times before referee Lucien Joubert finally called a halt. All of the knockdowns came on left hooks, as Jack repeatedly stepped into the advancing Vining and beat him to the punch.

Tillman, who scaled 145½, registered his 28th straight win. Vining weighed 143.

As usual, spunky Jose Gabino, 147½, Port Arthur, stole the show—this time with a rousing eight-rounder against Wilson "Indian Red" Lacaze, 156½, New Orleans.

Gabino, who has fought here several times before in slam-bang but losing fights, finally won one—by the narrowest of margins. The two judges split their votes, with the referee calling it 3-3-2, but awarding the bout to Gabino for the cleaner punches.

Jose won it on a fast finish in the last three rounds. Lacaze didn't lose any friends with his spirited showing.

In the prelims, Adam "Kid Fast Quick'f Moore of New Orleans, 162, halted Bruce Scott, 167, Port Arthur in the third. New Orleans' Harold Glaspy, 181½, flatted Elgie Walters, 171, Port Arthur in round two.

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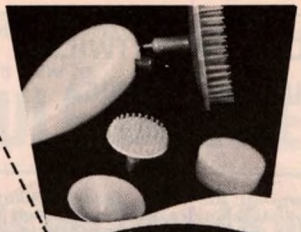

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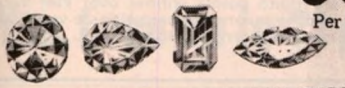

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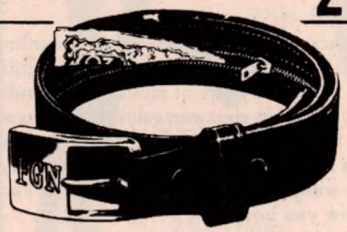

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FOURIE WINS TWICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

By Ed Clark

Cape Town—At the Langa Stadium Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji unleashed a vicious left hook in the third to the jaw of Terrance Makazula and the latter had no more interest in their lightweight fight scheduled for eight rounds.

This was a grudge fight and both boys tore into each other with "Happy Boy's" piston jabs versus Makazula's hooks. In the fateful third "Happy Boy" suckered his opponent with a left and then brought the closure. Bashew Sibaca outpointed Tabo Makolo in a bantamweight clash and Macebo Hoho was a points winner over Wellington Simelane.

► **East London:** At the Duncan Village Community Centre local idol Sydney Monde Mbangxa, 114, was an eight eight-rounds winner over Paul Shozi, 115. Aycliff Stengile, 138, narrowly outscored Phillip Hlophe, eight round. Cyril Adams, 117, beat Durban's Joe Ngidi, Jr., 120, over six and all other bouts over six rounds, results were: Sparara Qelile, 140, won over Leonard Cele, 147; Andile Tywabi, 114, beat Ephraim Mkhize, 115,; Paulos Mbata, 131, won against Mzwandile Magandela, 124.
Sibaca, 121, Langa high school boy outpounched and outgeneral Joe Vuyo Tulwana, 118, over eight rounds at the Centenary Great Hall, New Brighton. Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji, 131, was also an eight-round points winner over Isaac Rakhajane, 129. Philip Masiza, 133, sensationally KOd Mongezi Twani, 139, in two, an auspicious debut. Paulus Twala, 134, won easily in outclassing Wanti Mango, 136. Two points winners were Leslie Pikoli, 112, and Jerry Dlamini, 126, over Kotikoti Sopilo, 109, and Thabo Moloko, 120, respectively.

► **Durban:** Arnold Taylor, dual bantamweight and featherweight champion, held off bustling attacks and a knockdown to outbox rugged Chris Nel and when Nel's stamina wore out, the fight was stopped in the 10th and final round by referee Jack Bryant.

Making a return to the ring, former feather and lightweight champion Andries Steyn revealing a powerful punch halted game Sammy de Beer in the fifth of their lightweight clash. Gert Steyn, youngest member of the fighting Steyns, KOd Alfie Pitout in the first round. This was Gert's first pro bout. Kobus Vorster, 164, TKOd Volker Streich, 158½, in four and Wally Brown, 138, lost to newcomer Harry Barberie, 135½, over six. The fights were fought in the Durban Amphitheatre, a new venue for pro boxing.

► **Cape Town:** At Hartleyvale, Cape Town, South Africa's Pierre Fourie convincingly outpointed Germany's Hans-Dieter Schwartz over 10 rounds in a middleweight contest. Schwartz, who refused to do any pre-fight sparring in South Africa, presented no problems for Fourie fho was the aggressor from the start. Schwartz was content only to counter-punch and was chased throughout by Fourie. Schwartz did land some telling mlows few and far between and in the last three rounds Fourie turned on the pressure to clinch the decision.

► **Cape Town:** Gerry Bouwer retained his Cape middleweight title beating a blown-up to 154½ lbs. Michel Le Roux on points over 10. Le Roux, a natural welter, found the fight tough going towards the end. Bouwer weighed 160.

Domenic Germishuys, 164¾, won a lack-lustre fight against Kobus Vorster, 167, in six. Edmund Butler, 119, gained a four-round points win over Morris Weinstein, 117, and in the only KO of the evening, newcomer Cliff Manual, 162, KOd Herby Blom, 159.

► **Johannesburg:** A great finishing burst by South African middleweight champion Pierre Fourie enabled him to earn a points decision over former British and Commonwealth title-holder Les McAteer in their 10-round bout at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium in Johannesburg on Saturday night.

In the last round, the South African caught McAteer with a series of punishing left hooks, and the Briton, bleeding badly from the nose, was in real trouble—probably for the first time in the fight.

As a spectacle, the fight did not please the capacity crowd of about 10,000 and slow-hand-clapping was heard several times during the early stages.

There were far too many clinches. At times the referee, Mr. Peter Lock, allowed the clinches to go on far too long.

The fight only really came to life in the last two rounds.

In the ninth both boxers shook each other with some powerful short rights and left to the head.

Up to that stage, all the rounds were more or less even except for the fourth—the only round in the early stages which exploded into some action.

Fourie took this round clearly. He landed two lovely short rights to the head which shook the British boxer but McAteer came back with two left uppercuts.

Towards the end of the round, the South African landed two heavy lefts to the body.

It certainly was not one of Fourie's best performances, but he can hardly be faulted in that he was facing such a seasoned campaigner.

McAteer's best work was done at close range and he de►nitely had the edge on Fourie at the in-fighting.

There was no doubt that Fourie was leading narrowly up to the final round. But his burst of power punching clinched the issue and, in so doing, gained revenge for South Africa, for at the same venue towards the end of 1969, McAteer gave Willie Ludick a boxing lesson.

Supporting results: Big Hitter Kosie Smith was cut to ribbons and easily beaten by England's Dave Hawkes, 174, over 10 rounds in a light heavyweight fight. Showing calmness throughout the fight Hawkes piled up the points and Smith's eye was cut earlier on and blood flowed till the end. Sammy de Beer, 134, outpointed Jimmy Carroll, 136, over four. Domenic Germishuys, 164, was a six-round points winner over Fiet Vorster, 160. In another six-round bout Hansie van Rooyen, 126, outscored Morris Weinstein, 118.

ELDER CRUSHES QUALLS

By Robert J. Ruiz

Omaha, Nebr.: Ring action in this area has really picked up since the recent competition between two rival fight clubs. Promoter Joe Bowen's import from Texas, Jim Elder, 208, made a sensational midwest debut by crushing giant Orville "Baby Boy" Qualls, 236, Detroit, in 1:32 of the fourth.

This was Elder's first fight since breaking his hand some months ago against Charley Harris in Long Island. If the hand bothered him, Elder didn't show it as he waded into the much bigger Qualls, shooting for a knockout. There was bad blood between these two and they set an amazingly fast pace from the start. The fatal breakthrough came in the fourth as Elder backed Qualls into the ropes and fired away until a brutal right hand nailed Orville perfectly, sending the big fellow into dreamland. The fourth round KO came at 1:32. Even in victory, Jim kne he'd been in a fight.

In the semi-final, promising Jerry Judge, 192, Philadelphia, TKOd big Mike Bruce, 240, Mass., in two heats. Bruce couldn't come out for the third after having been dropped twice. Judge went from Omaha to Scranton to halt Chuck Wepner in five. Judge's record is now an imposing 11-1-1.

► **Omaha:** The Cornhusker Boxing Club's show was dramatically highlighted as all five pro fights ended via the KO route. The main event was headlined by local middleweight contender Art Hernandez, 163, who stopped Sal Martinez, 157, Mexico, at 2:04 of the fifth stanza. Martinez sported an impressive 28-1-1 record with 27 of his wins by KO. However, Hernandez outpunched his vaunted rival handily until Sal was a bloody mess. Martinez bled freely from nose and mouth, his blood spotted both the referee and Hernandez, until the bout was stopped at 2:04 of the fifth. The win advanced Art's record to 43-13-2, including his third straight by KO. In other bouts, Vic Brown, 199, Buffalo, N.Y. belted out Harold Carter, 181, Cleveland, for a TKO at 1:45, fifth round. Dick Pelster, Mead, Nebr., flattened Ron Merriweather, Louisiana, in 1:01 of the first, welters. Dale Hernandez (Art's brother) 136, KOd JoJo White at 134, Michigan, at 2:40 of the second. Local John Gatus, 206, dumped Spider Jenkins, 193, Missouri, in 2:53 of round four.

On promoter Bowen's recent card, Jim Elder, Levelland, Texas, 208, returned for an encore against Sylvester Dullaire, 190, Connecticut. Unfortunately, the fight ended in an abrupt disappointment. A butt opened a bad gash over Elder's eye and the contest was stopped at 1:46 of the opening round. The decision was finally declared a technical draw due to the fact that neither man could be considered ahead on points. In the middleweight semi-wrapup between local rivals, Gene Coon stopped Adrian Carroll when the latter couldn't come out for the fifth.

► **Norfolk, Nebr.:** T. W. Lovgren revived dormant pro boxing here by spotlighting two of the best young welters in the iMddle West in the main event. In a savage eight-rounder, Dick Pelster, Mead, won from Fred Jiminez, St. Paul, Minn. The bout was a hectic slugfest with Pelster cut over his left eye at the start, scoring the lone knockdown in the second Fred. Pelster was awarded a unanimous decision. Dale Hernandez, Omaha, 140, stopped Willie Williams, 138, Cleveland, at 2:50 for a second-round KO.

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RICHARD SUCCESSFULLY ● DEFENDS AGAINST DiFIORE ●

By Don Hamill

Boxing activity in New England slowed down to a walk when only four shows lhetted the appetites of the boxing fans. A natural between Bobby Richard and Leo DiFiore for the New England junior lightweight championship, topped the action. Jose Pagon of Lowell appeared on all four cards, although his best effort was a draw.

► **Portland,** Exposition Building—Promoter Sam Silverman was forced a scurry for fistic talent when Irish Beau Jaynes of Lowell was striken with the flue the night before his rematch with Benny Huertas of New York. Tommy Connors, 136, a bright prospect from South Boston, displayed his punching power in his first main event by chilling Jose Pagon, 136, Lowell, in the second round. Pagon had made things interesting for Connors in the first round which saw both fighters shaken.

Pat Malaney, 118, Portland, edged Mike Mullen, 124, Dorchester, with a six round split decision in the semi-final. Malaney out-houstled Mullen, who suffered his first defeat. Jimmy Jaynes, 146, Lowell, tried to atone for a kayo defeat he had suffered earlier at the hanrs of Ivelaw Eastman, 152, New York, but was outboxed by the veteran in a very close six rounder. Experience paid off for Bob Payzant, 146, Freeport, who gainer a six round split decision over Eddie Ahlmeyer, 140, South Portland, whose first few pro bouts were under the name of Knightsville Kid.

►**Portland**—Pete Riccitelli, 177, Portland, back on another comeback try failed to impress in his knockout win over oft-beaten Dave Jenkins, 175, Long Island City, whom he stiffened in the second round. Jenkins got off to a fast start landing a single hard right hand to the head. He then quickly folded nder Riccitelli's offensive. A solid right cross dropped Jenkins for the full count.

Art Young, 164, Dorchester, won a six round decision over Ned Edwards, 174, Long Island City, in a real thriller. Edwards was dropped in the third round by a right cross. In the fourth round he blasted Young to the canvas and battered him freely in the fifth round. Young, who had built up a good early lead, regained control in the sixth and final round with a whirlwind attack. Jose Pagon, 138, Lowell, had to settle for a draw in a four rounder with Eddie Ahlmeyer, 140, South Portland. Pagon outboxed Ahlmeyer all the way but was desposited on the canvas for the bout's only knockdown in the third round. Phil St. Cyr, 140, Westbrook, came off the floor in the first round to stop Augie Lopez, 136, New York, in the third round. Jimmy Rivera, 156, Hartford, was the aggressor in his four rounder with Bob Payzant, 151, Freeport, and copped a unanimous duke.

► **Providence**— Rhode Island Auditorium—Denny McNamee, 175, Pactocket, racked up his 13th straight win by taking a unanimous eight-round decision over Kenny Warner, 179, Jersey City, N.J. He was troubled by Warner's bobbing and weaving. There were three knockdowns: the first time was at the end of the third round when the bell rang; the second was for a nine count in the fourth round; and at the end of the seventh session neither heard the bell and Warner was spilled again.

The big upset was in the eight-round co-feature when Paul Cardoza, 172, New Bedford, dropped Bob Benoit, 171, Oakham, in the second and third rounds before rendering him incapable of continuing. Eddie Casey, 207, New Bedford, won a unanimous six round decision over George Holden, 180¾, Medford, but it was Holden who won the plaudits of the crowd because he fought gamely after suffering a broken right hand in the first round and having only his left to fight a much heavier foe. Pofular Marcelino Alicia, 144, Worcester, crossed a right to the jaw of Jose Pagon, 140, Lowell, in the third round to score a KO.

► **Portland**—Bobby Richard, 130, Portland, successfully defended his New England junior lightweight title against the challenges of Leo DiFiore, 129, Portland, by edging him in a 10-rounder. Richard picked up an early lead with his better boxing. In the third round DiFiore shook Richard with a pair of left hooks to the jaw but Bobby managed to last the round. In the fourth round, Bobby caught Leo coming in and the latter was dropped by a right counter. DiFiore made it to his feet but was quickly dumped again by a left hook. Leo came up swinging and had Richard confused and hurt. The action was nip-and-tuck until the ninth round when DiFiore was deposited into the resin twice. In the 10th and final round Richard was equal to Leo's rally and kept control of the remainder of the bout to edge DiFiore in the round and the bout.

Pat Malaney, 11 6,Portland, scored his third straight kayo of Frank Walker, 123, Lowell, this time doing it in the first round. Phil St. Cyr, 137, Westbrook, survived a couple of rough sessions to halt Jose Pagon, 138, Lowell, in the fourth round. Lanky Jimmy Jaynes, 144, Lowell, whipped Bob Payzant, 140, Freeport, in six rounds while handing him a boxing lesson.

BACKUS EASY WINNER ● IN SYRACUSE 12 ●

By Jim Leo

Syracuse, N.Y.—Welterweight champion Billy Backus unanimously decisioned Bobby Songbird Williams in a 12 round non-title bout here. For the champion it market his first ring appearance since winning the title from Jose Napoles.

Backus, 149, threw plenty of leather at Williams during the scrap. Williams, 148½, Memphis, Tenn., seemed content being on the defensive covering up from Billy's blows while mounting little offense. Backus was able to score with good body shots in some rounds but the well-guarded Williams braced himself for the attack, then backed away from serious danger. There were no knockdowns in the fight with Songbird managing to take Billy's best punches, many of which landed on his arms and gloves.

Judge Palmer and referee Phillips scored it 10-1-1 and judge DiSalvo saw the champion as a 12-0 winner.

Backus and manager Tony Graziano plan another non-title affair before journeying to the West Coast for a rematch with the dethroned Napoles.

In the eight-round semi-final, Johnny Harp, 139½, Syracuse and Faul Mombay, 143, Virgin Islands battled to a draw in a good hard fought scrap.

Freytes Caban, 142, Puerto Rico, was a winner over Ivelaw Eastman, 147, N.Y. City, in a sixer.

George Matisko, a burly 222, Scranton, Pa., gained a decision win over Billy Moore, 179, Baltimore, Md., in a four rounder.

In the opening four-rounder, good looking light heavy prospect from Utica, N.Y., Willie Wilson, 171, won over Ron "Showboat" Nesby, 170, N.Y. City.

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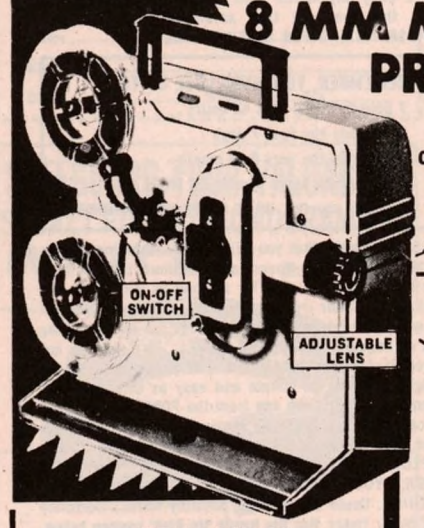

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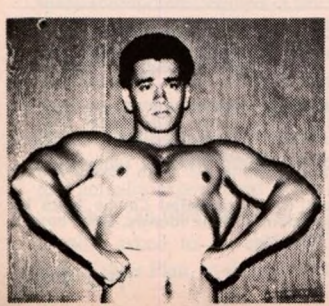

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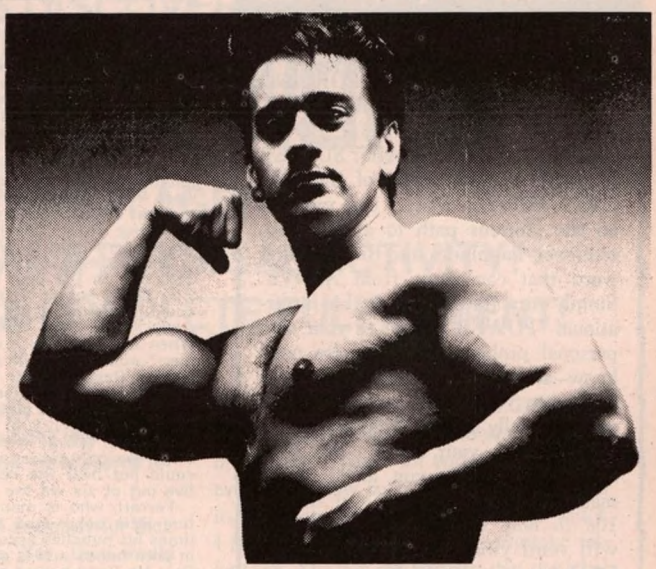

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HINKE AGAIN DEFEATS RICE

By Paulie Cook

Klamath Falls, Oregon—Terry Hinke, 209, Oregon State heavyweight champion, pounded out a close decision over Maurice Rose of Seattle, who weighed only 176 lbs. It was a good hard fight for Hinke who has now gone unbeaten in 13 professional bouts. This fight, as in their previous one, saw Hinke the puncher chasing after Rice, who was just as hard for Hinke to find as the "needle in the haystack."

Rice, a southpaw light heavy is clever and knew how to evade the hard right hands and left hooks Hinke kept throwing throughout the 10 rounds. Rice spent a good bit of the 30 minutes running, covering and trying to hide from the bombs being thrown by the ever-pursuing Hinke. Rice had a good fourth and ninth rounds when he went to the offense and sent Hinke reeling into the ropes.

In the ninth, Rice hit Hinke with a good combination twice which reddened his features. They were Rice's best punches of the fight. Rice spent the rest of the night trying to hide from the hard-punching Hinke. One judge scored the fight five rounds for Hinke, two for Rice and three even.

Billy Rogers, 160, and again Howard Meredith, 162, put on the best fight of the night. Rogers who fights out of Tacoma, won every round but could not land the big punch to put the old mani away. What held Meredith up was a mystery. When it looked like it would be all over, the "ole man" would rally with looping rights, one of them cutting Rogers under the left eye. Rogers, who is just out of the service and having his first bout in 14 months, is a pleasant young man of 20.

Gary Ferrari, 126, of Seattle, caught Jose Valenzuela, 129, Miami, with a right hand to the body after two minutes of the first round. Valenzuela could not beat the count. Ferrari has now won five out of six via the KO route.

Ferrari, who is managed by Bob Decker, is a fine little boxer who masters his footwork well, times his punches accurately, has punching power in both hands and is always in the best of condition. He loves boxing and is ready at all times to fight anyone that Decker selects to be his opponent.

Much to the displeasure of the 1500 fans who turned out for this program was Irish Pat Duncan's missing plane connections in Seattle. Duncan was to fight Hugh Mercier of Canada. This was a 10-rounder which was not replaced on the program.

► **Seattle**—Promoter Inigo Lucchesi proved the old adge that "youth must be served.f' Al Ford, 135, who will not be 21 until August, knocked out Gabriel Branvilla, 135, of Mexico in the sixth round. Ford used a combination to put Branvilla away. It was a terrific left, dug deap to the mid-section that left the Mexican lying in agony on the canvas. Ford, a bore-in type of fighter who reminds one somewhat of Hammering Henry Armstrong back in his hey-day, scored his 36th win without a defeat as a professional.

It was Ford's first appearance in a Seattle ring, but it won't be his last. He is the finest little fighter to be seen here since Tod Morgan and Doc Snell.

Ford started fast and rocked the game Branvilla with hard smashes to the head and body in the opening stanza. Branvilla tried to make a fight of it throughout the fight ringht up to the end. Branvilla came into the ring with a 50-5 record, but he could not cope with Ford's speed, punching power and relentless attack. It was a beautiful punching exhibition for a lightweight.

Billy Rogers, 160, Tacoma and Lee Burgess, 161, Seattle, gave the fans a real slugfest as they hammered each other all over the ring. Rogers proved to the fans that he could take it, that he could fight back when hurt and that he has a left that is a wonder to behold. He used a jab well but his left uppercut is something new to these parts. Rogers, a red-headed Irishman, was staggered on two occasions, but he came right back and took the play away from Burgess. Rogers bled from his right eye in the last 3 rounds but deserved the decision as he brought down the house. Rogers, 20 years old, wants to fight Fraser Scott after a few more bouts. He is the best new talent around these parts. This was his 6th win in a row. He is managed by Jack Fellows, an old-timer who is a credit to the game.

Gary Ferrari, 125, Seattle, who is not yet 19 years old, had a tough time against Freddie Wellman, 131, Vancouver, Washington. Southpaw Wellman looked on his way to a KO when he upset Ferrari with a damaging straight left right to the button. Referee Pat McMurty gave Ferrari the 8 count. When the fighting resumed, Wellman landed more bombs, but Ferrari weathered the storm and took the play away from Wellman, who was making his 1st pro start after a rewarding amateur career. Wellman, 22 years old, beat Richie Sue in the Portland Golden Gloves. He has now served his stretch in the Army and plans to take up the boxing career that was interrupted by the Army. Gary Ferrari and Freddie Wellman both bear watching as they are fine prospects. Ferrari got the nod in this bout as his better condition told the tale.

Mike Lankester, 161, of Renton, Wash., took just 4 minutes to tuck Dean Whitlock away. Whitlock, who had been absent from the gym because of a trip to Texas for two weeks, was out of shape Lankester, who used body shots to soften up the flabby Whitlock in the 1st round, switched to the head in the 2nd. When Whitey Domstad halted the bout Whitlock was helpless on the ropes.

In the opening bout, John L. Sullivan, 160, Spokane, made his debut as a pro. He had a tough time gaining the decision from George "Flash" Perez. It was a real donnybrook from the third round on and had the crowd yelling and clapping throughout the last round as they cheered on the game fighters. Sullivan, who is a fine amateur from the Idaho-Montana area and not yet 21, wore green trunks with a sash like the old champion he was named for.

► **Seattle**—A total of 118 entries competed in the 1971 Jr. Golden Gloves held each year here in Seattle. They came from four different states and Canada. There are 20 different weight divisions in this tournament, starting at 55 lbs. The host of this tournament, the Wallingford Boy's Club, since its beginning three years ago, put on 96 bouts for the spectators before the 20 champions were crowned.

Chairman Dick Graddon, a National AAU finalist in 1950 at Boston, works long and hard each year and gives the public a 1st class tournament. His son, Mitchell Graddon, won the 80-pound title with Dick fighting just as hard from the corner.

Jerry Boring, from the Seattle Eagles, defeated Scot McClinchy, from Everett Y.M.C.A. Doug Froyer, Seattle Eagles, won the light heavy title by beating Joe Marty of the Lynwood Club. Ibar Arrington of the Lynwood Elks won the heavyweight crown with a hard fought win over Harvey Steichen of the Spokane Eagles.

Mark Arrell of the Auburn Elks won the Inspirational Award in honor of Roy Hutchinson, longtime amateur official who recently died.

Rocky Britt Salem Elks won the Golden Boy Award as he disposed of all his competition with knockouts.

The Tacoma Boys club which has won the team championship for all three years of the tournament, had six champions. Club coach Joe Clough is to be commended for the hard work and fine amateur teams he produces for all the Northwest Tournaments. His senior team won the team Trophy just 2 weeks ago in the Tacoma Golden Gloves.

The 6 Tacoma champions were as follows; Don Spurril, 70 lbs. Ricky Lockridge 75 lbs., Al Armstrong 90 lbs., Dennis Armstrong 95 lbs., David Armstrong 100 lbs., Greg Owens 106 lbs.

George Patellis, Elks, Oregon, won the 55 lbs. title; Mike Ever, Spokane Eagles, won the 60 lb. crown; Johnny Johnson, Bremerton High Club, won the 65 lb. class, Jeff Wood, Spokane Eagles, won the 70 lb division. Richy Lockridge won the 75 lb. He was from Wallingford B.C. Mitch Graddon won the 80 lb title. He is from Wallingford B.C. Ricky Kadlecek won the 85 lb division. The three Armstrong boys won the next three divisions. Allen Britt won the 112 lb class. He hails from the Layton AC. Ike Stalik won the 118 pound division. He is from the Layton AC. Jerry Boring won the 125 lb. division. He is from the Seattle Eayles.

Mike Stalik won the 132 lb. class. He represents the Layton Boxing Club of Salem, Oregon. Steve Houston of the Auburn Elk's won the 139 lb. class. Rocky Britt, who was a sensation throughout the tournament, won the 156 lb. title and the Golden Boy Award. Doug Froyer won the 178 lb crown and is from the Seattle Eagles coached by Joe Torro. Last but not least, Ibar Arrington of the Lynwood Elks, took the heavyweight title as he won every hard fought round over tough Harvy Steichen of the Spokane Eagles.

MARCEL STOPS MACIAS IN 8

By Raquel Torres

Panama City, Pan. — Featherweight, Ernesto Nato Marcel, Stopped Angel Macias from Mexico in the fifth round—Marcel weighed 128¼ and Macias 128.

Gilberto Illueca defeated by unanimous decision by Bert Best in 10th Illueca 118¾; best 118.

Alberto Huracán Alls defeated by Daniel Hernndez in the fourth roundKO9L
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By Eduardo Amer G.

Mexico, D. F.—In a program named Carnival of Champions, Erubey "Chango" Carmona, 133, retained his Mexican lightweight belt by winning a close decision from Fermin Soto in twelve rounds. It was a great fight. Carmona was on the floor in the eleventh round, but he fought furiously and retained his title anyway. Alfredo Meneses, 117, and Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 117, drew in twelve rounds.

They fought for the Mexican bantamweight championship which was vacant since Chucho Castillo relinquished it when he became world king. So, the belt has no owner yet. Jose Jimenez, 124, is the new Mexican featherweight champ. He won by a TKO over Fernando Sotelo, 125, in the 10th heat. Two former Golden Gloves champions made their pro debut in six rounds. They are Alfredo Uruzquieta, 133, and Juan Oropeza, 133, and drew after six rounds. Jose Luis Ramirez, 109, TKO'd Felipe Ortega, 112, in two. The promotor of this Carnival of Champions program was Eladio Flores.

► **Mexico, D.F.** — Jose Luis Meza, 118, bested Rigoberto Riasco, 118, of Panama, in 10. Riasco suffered a broken jaw. Jose Salas, 125, TKO'd Goyo Vargas, 126, in six. Jose Luis Martinez, 117, and Santiago Lopez, 117, drew in eight. Nacho Lomeli, 118, TKO'd Eliseo Cosme, 118, in one. Alfredo Castro, 134, iced Juan Malagon, 134, in the opening round.

► **Tijuana, Baja Baja California**—Julio Guerrero, 118, beat Efren "Alacran" Torres, 118, in 10 furious rounds. Joe Valdez, 122, destroyed Beto Maya, 124, in seven. Cesar Ordonez, 117, won from Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 118, in 10.

► **Merida, Yucatan** — Vicente Pool, 117, TKO'd Panchito Godinez, 118, in two. Jose Medina, 118, put Juan "Gellego" Solis, 117, to sleep in the very first round. Mike Albornoz, 110, was stopped by "Alacran" Lopez, 110, in seven. Virgilio Estrella, 110, decisioned Kid Valente, 111, in six.

► **Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Rogelio Lara, 117, whipped Pablo Vega, 118, in 10. Jorge Carrasco, 135, TKO'd Migue Hernandez, 135, in two.

► **Merida, Yucatan** — Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 132, TKO'd Andy Fernandez, 131, in seven. Baby San Martin, 117, TKO'd Rodolfo "Indio" Garcia, 118, in nine. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, defeated Jesus "Chuy" Torres, 110, in 10. "Pajaro" Rodriguez, 120, stopped Black Garcia, 119, in three rounds.

► **Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Mariano "Tilico" Morales, 130, KO'd Noel de Anda, 131, in three rounds.

► **Cansahcab, Yucatan**—Miguel Canto, 110, beat Pedro "Gavilan" Mattinez, 114, in two rounds.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero** — Lito Verde, 181, halted "Toro" Jimenez, 178, in two. Maleno Callejos, 117, embalmed Chucho Aparicio, 117, in four.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 126, lost to Ray Vega, 130, in 10. Julio "Ringo" Romero, 112, won from Chano Rodriguez, 11, in 10. Domingo Ledezma, 112, bested "Chamaco" Lopez, 111, in eight. Chucho Garay, 146, TKO'd Ramon Ramos, 145, in four. Agustin Tadeo, 116, beat Ramon Guillen, 116, in four.

► **Durango, Durango**—José "Carbonero" Vargas, 114, TKO'd Luciano Reyes Escandon, 114, in 10. Gustavo Garcia, 145, decisioned Omar Chavez, 146, in 10 rounds.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Salvador Martinez Carrillo, 115, whipped Jorge Reyes, 114, in 10. Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 113, TKO'd Alberto "Casanovita" Mendez, 113, in seven.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Baltazar Garcia, 118, dedeafted Jorge "Diabla" Saldivar, 118, in 10. Rafael Macias, 112, TKO'd Ruben Reina, 112, in four rounds.

► **Villahermosa** — Pachuco Garcia, 119, TKO'd Mike Heman, 117, in eight. "Cotorrita" Rodriguez, 117, polished off Kid Molinero, 119, in three.

► **Culiacan, Sinaloa**—Celso Olivas, 146, won by a disqualification from Ruben Arocha, 145, of Argentina, in five.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero**—Carlos Tornés, 123, outpointed Jorge Carrasco, 123, in 10. "Pajaro" Ortega, 119, decisioned Alex Armenta, 118, in 10. Manuel Campos, 119, beat Santiago Armenta, 118, in 10 rounds.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Jose Angel Zamora, 134, outscored Alfonso "Coneja" Aguirre, 134, in 10. Sigfrido Rodriguez, 114, flattened Jesus Rodriguez, 114, in two rounds.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Jose Luis Villegas, 124, won from Teo Jimenez, 123, in 10. Jesus Padilla, 145, TKO'd Victor Mendez 144, in seven.

► **Gomez Paacio, Durango**—Pedro Cordero, 113, TKO'd Paco Pizana, 112, in nine. Enrique Meza, 112, demolished Carlos Fernandez, 112, in five.

► **Merida, Yucatan**—Vicente Pool, 112, beat Jose "Carbonero" Vargas, 111, in 10. Baby San Martin, 117, stopped Leon Meza, 118, in three. Mike Albornez, 111, decisioned Raul "Raton" Perez, 111, in 10. Chucho Loria, 110 outscored "Zurdo" Sanchez, 110, in four.

► **Oaxaca, Ooxaco** — "Chamoco" Casanova, 116, TKO'd "Zorra" Ramirez, 116, in seven rounds.

► **Guadalajara, Jolisco**—Juan Jose Guzman, 124, TKO'd Gilberto Reyes, 124, in seven. Juan Chavez, 125, TKO'd Paco Munoz, 125, in three.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Tony Velazquez, 124, won from "Chamaco" Limón, 124, in 10. Salvador Gonzalez, 119, TKO'd Silvino Vazquez, 120, in six.

► **Cansahcab, Yucatan**—Jose Medina, 116, beat Baby Luis, 118, in two. Concepcion "Indio" Bermejo, 112, TKO'd Tabaquito Kid, 113, in six.

► **Motul, Yucatan**—Arsenio "Raton" Pacheco, 117, bombed Tigre Bracamonte, 119, in two. Salvador "Zurdo" Mendez, 116, TKO'd Mario "Coyote" Gomez, 117 in two rounds.

► **Durango, Durango**—Jose Luis "Maestrito" Lopez, 123, KO'r Manuel Galvez, 124, in two. Andres Reyes, 119, halted Julio Cruz, 119, in nine. Angel Hernandez, 120, TKO'd Hilario Bererril. 120, in 10.

► **Oaxaca, Oaxaca**—Raul Delgado, Mexican middleweight champion, TKO'd Lalo Saucedo, 160, in two rounds.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Leoncio Ortiz, 132, TKO'd Juan Collado, 129, of Dominican Republic, in five. Jose Medina, 127, TKO'd Memo Hernandez, 125, in four. Rafael Nava 114, was stopped by Jesus Cuica, 113, in five Manuel Castaneda, 113, KO'd Francisco Gaytan, 114, in three.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Jorge Torres, 114, kid brother of famous "Alacran", had no problems to beat Luis Osses, 115, of Panama, in 10. Marcos Gomez, 138, outpointed Sigfrido Rodriguez, 136, in 10 rounds.

► **Monterrey Nuevo Leon**—Lupe Torres, 133, iced "Chico" Andrade, 134, in one. "Jaibo" Lopez, 134, won by a disqualification from Enrique Rodriguez, 133, in five.

► **Torreon, Coahulla** — Alberto "Raton" Palacios (Leonardo Aguero) 133, embalmed Lalo Castro, 135, in eight. Enrique Meza, 113, bombed Victor Gomez, 112, in the first round.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero**—Arturo Leon, 119, beat San Chavez, 116, in two. Jesus Alonso, 124, polished off Jorge "Diablo" Saldivar, 125, in three.

► **Oaxaca, Oaxaca** — Salazar Osorio, 115, beat Fernando Fernandez, 116, in 10.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Cosntancio "Rocky" Garcia, 114, TKO'd "Mosco" Amador, 117, in six. Jesus "Chuy" Rocha, 119, outscored Antonio Pino, 122, in 10. "Mariachi" Ramirez, 129, halted Jose Monsreal, 130, in the 10th and last round.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Felipe Vaca, 146, disposed of Watusi Mena, 145, in five. Antonio Alcala, 123, won from Cuco Nieves, 124, in 10.
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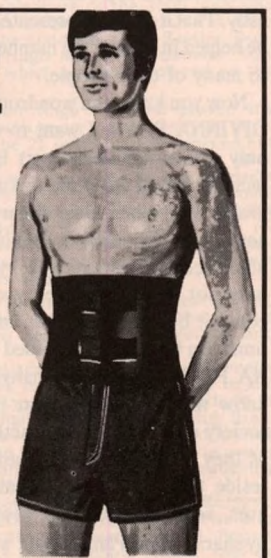

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By Al Fenn

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Promoter Tommy Butler presented the new champion with a silver championship belt.

Judges Bob Cox and Steve Connors gave the nod to Olivera 120-115 and 119-114, but referee Bud Yellen scored the bout a draw, 116 apiece.

The six-round semi-main saw Jesse Corrales, 140, Phoenix win a decision over Hildo Federico, 142, Tucson. Raul Carreon, 130, Phoenix scored a TKO in five over Bobby Lee, 138, Phoenix. Beto Nunez, 125, Tucson decisioned Danny Young, 120, Phoenix in four.

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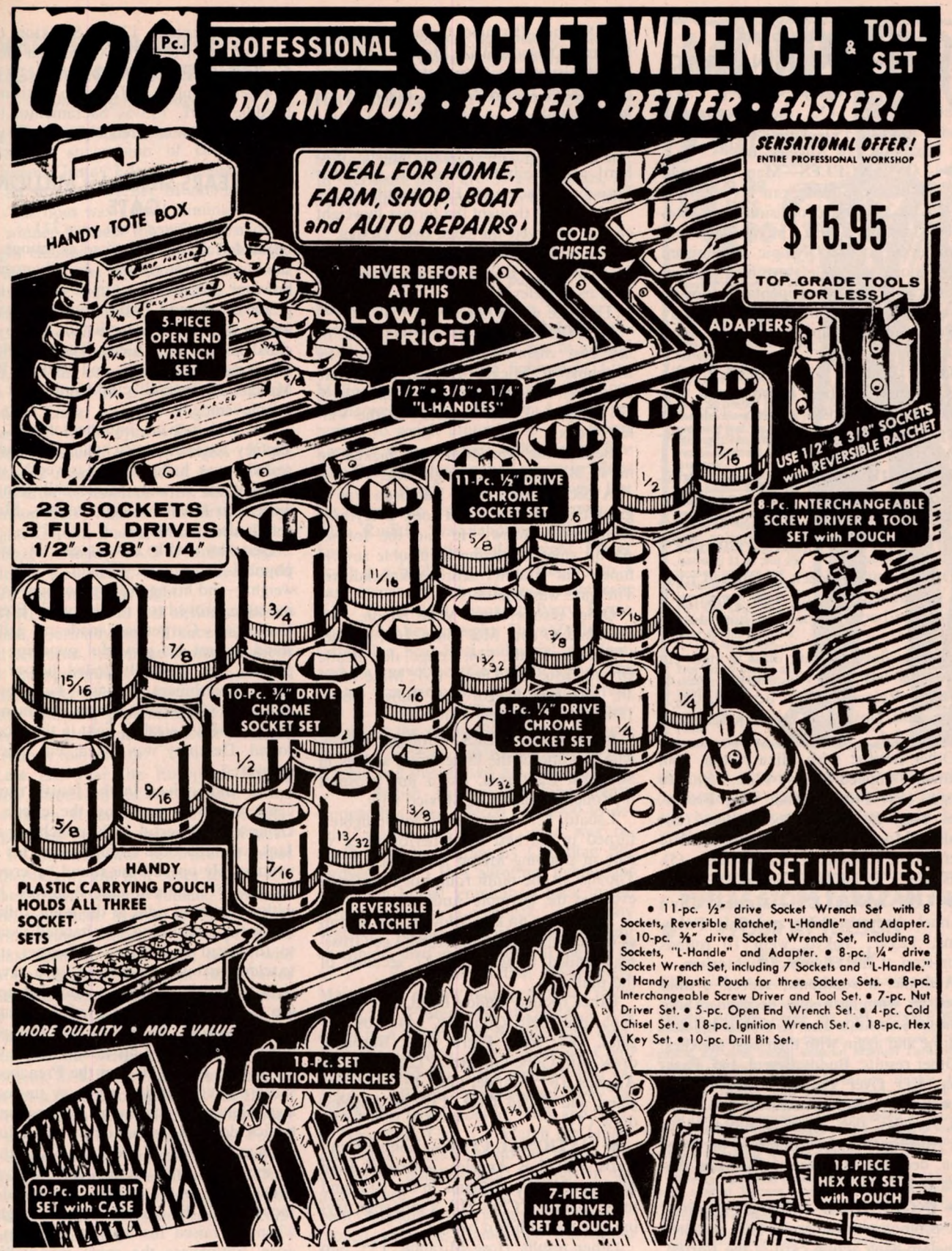

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Beattle Olvera, 135, San Diego, (6); Buddy Bereal, 147, Pasadena, KO over Irv Fox, 144, Los Angeles, (4).

► **LOS ANGELES**—Manuel Mendoza, 120, Toluca, Mex., ran his record to 26-2 with a lopsided decision over Francisco Cabanig, 120½, in the 10 round main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Mendoza, whose left eye bled profusely after suffering an accidental butt in the first round, was in full charge all the way. He dropped the Filipino lad in the eighth round.

Other results: Lonnie Bennett, 171, Los Angeles, KO over Floyd Casey, 174, Oakland, (3); Aristo Castro, 151, San Diego, dec. Buddy Bereal, 143, Pasadena, (6).

► **WOODLAND HILLS**—Joe Orbillo, 195, Wilmington, now on another comeback, decisioned Steve Grant, 192, Oakland, in a bruising 10-rounder at the Valley Arena.

Orbillo couldn't deck his rugged rival, but he landed with his best punches, a left to the body and a right hand to the head.

At the finish, Grant had a bad cut under his left eye. The scoring was as follows: Referee Larry Rozadilla, 6-3; judge Bob Dossey, 6-3 and judge John Thomas, 5-4.

Other results: Irish Mike Nixon, 160, Glendale, stopped Johnny Wise, 159, San Diego, (5); Fidel Reyna, 136, Fresno, dec. Tony Sanchez, 136, Colton, (5); Walter Moore, 225, Los Angeles, KO over Jimmy Rossette, 187, San Diego, (5). This was a scheduled 10-rounder.

► **LOS ANGELES** — Mexico City's Manuel Andrade, 126, and Shig Fukuyama, 123½. Tokyo, went 10 rounds nkon-stop at the Olympic Auditorium.

Andrade, a southpaw, scored a mild upset, by winning a split decision. There were no knockdowns, but both lads landed time and again with their best punches.

Other results: Buddy Bereal, 145, Pasadena, KO Over Francisco Mora, 146, Mexico, (2); Ron Cencieros, 133, East Los Angeles, dec. Frankie Flores, 130, Los Angeles, (4); Lou Blades, 140, Pasadena, dec. Beto Gonzalez, 141, Los Angeles (6).

► **INGLEWOOD**—George Parnassus' first promotional effort of 1971 resulted in a slam-bang action card at the Forum.

Top-ranked bantamweight contender Rodolfo Martinez, 118, bit the dust at the hands of countryman, Rafael Herrera, 177½, in a 12-rounder.

The two gamesters from Mexico City were meeting for a chance at Chucho Castillo's world bantamweight crown. After 12 exciting rounds, Herrera, the underdog, was a clear cut winner.

Former Olympic Games champion Ricardo Delgado, 112, Mexico City, collected his best win to date, in winning over Halimi Gutierrez, 112, Mexico City, in 12 rounds.

In a third feature event, Cesar Desiga, 115½, a new "find" from Tijuana, was hard pressed, but managed to get over Bernabe Villacampo, 118, Manila, P.I.

Many fans thought the former flyweight champ deserved the edge over Desiga.

In a prelim bout, Arturo Zuniga, 134½, Mexico City, KO'ed Myron Robinson, 135, os Angeles, (2).

The gate was $29,654.

► **WOODLAND HILLS** — In one of the best main events put together by matchmaker Mickey Davies, Irish Nate Robinson, 146, Wilmington, defeated Irish Gil King, 147, Los Angeles, at the Valley Arena.

Besides the win, Nate also picked up ing's California welterweight title.

A decided underdog. Robinson was in great condition and just took everything King could throw. He had the former Akron amateur champ in trouble several times, but couldn't score a knockdown. The gate was $6604.

Other results: Irish Mike Nixon, 159, Glendale, O over Mel Jones, 160, Fresno, (1); Cesar Sinda, 134, Congo, dec. Beatle Olvera, 136, San Diego, (6); Mike Mayan, 130, San Diego, dec. Ruben Coria, 130½, Los Angeles, (5).

► **LOS ANGELES** — Johnny Flores, who has one of the largest ring stables in Southern California, has a fine prospect in Rodolfo Lobato of Mexico City.

Labato, 125½, always an action fighter, turned in his best local performance to date in stopping Memo Morrales, 124½, Tijuana, in the ninth round of their main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns, but Morales was outclassed when referee Lee Grossman ended things after 27 seconds of the ninth.

Other results: Buddy Beral, 144, Pasadena, dec. Beto Gonzales, 144, Los Angeles, (6); Rick Ferris, 122, Burbank, drew with Gabe Gutierrez, 120, East Los Angeles, (6); Manuel Leal, 133, Los Angeles, and David Diaz, 132, os Angeles, drew (5).

► **NATIONAL CITY** — Ronnie Ceniceros, 129, Los Angeles, outscored Juan Montoya, 129½, Tijuana, in the 10-round main event at "Club 21", a nite spot, trying to click with pro boxing.

Other results: Jose Miranda, 135, San Diego, dec. over Gabe Vega, 136, Tijuana, (8); Beto Gonzalez, 140½, Los Angeles, and Jimmy Ligons, 140, San Diego, drew (6).

► **SACRAMENTO** — It was "Nippon Night" at Memorial Auditorium under the promotion of Don Chargin. The lads from Tokyo took three for three.

Shig Fukuyama, 124½, Tokyo, knocked out Jesus Marquez, 125½. Stockton, (4).

Kenji Imai, 131, Tokyo, stopped Memo Guerrero, 129, Tijuana, (4).

Tiger Okamura, 131, Tokyo, decisioned Freddie Short, 133½, Sacramento, (6).

The crowd numbered 2350 and the gate $5272.

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began to fall, and it looked as though the show was in for trouble. As it happened, however, the drizzle stopped and the program continued. Two important heavyweight bouts also were listed; it was decided to put the Gene Tunney-Soldier Jones meeting on early, and hold the Billy Miske-Jack Renault clash until after the main event.

But with rain an imminent threat, the Tunney-Jones affair, scheduled for eight rounds, was halted in the seventh, with Tunney the winner. Miske and Renault went their scheduled eight rounds. Miske was a decisive victor.

Dempsey, with advantages in every physical department—height, reach and weight—and his aggressive, bobbing-weaving style, proved too much for his French challenger. Carpentier made a gallant stand against his powerful punching opponent, but gradually faded before the heavy punishment Manassa Jack tossed into him. Gorgeous Georges did manage to score with a sizzling right in the second round. Dempsey was jolted, but quickly recovered.

The end arrived in the fourth round. Carpentier was revealing the effects of Dempsey's powerful body punching, and Jack lost little time cashing in on his advantage. He opened the round by crowding the Frenchman, and staggered him with a powerful right to the body, following with a blistering two-handed assault to the head and body. Carpentier tried to close in but was floored by a savage right to the chin. Georges stumbled up at the count of nine, and tried desperately to score with his right, but Dempsey blocked it, resumed his attack and a volley of lefts and rights sent the Frenchman skittering around the ring on unsteady legs. Dempsey, continuing his aggressive tactics, doubled Carpentier up with a lusty right to the heart. Jack shifted his attack to the head, and another right sent the Frenchman to the canvas. He failed to move until the count reached "eight", when he raised his legs in an effort to arise, but where the spirit was willing, the flesh was not, and the gallant challenger was counted out.

The million-dollar extravaganza had ended, but introduced Big Business into boxing. It is significant, however, that Frazier and Clay each were paid considerably more than the Dempsey-Carpentier bout drew. Big Business has, indeed, now become Bigger Business.

VELENSEK NEW EUROPEAN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLEHOLDER

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title. Now campaigning as a middleweight under the supervision of ex-European champion Gustav Eder and manager Zeller, he stopped Werner Mundt in frame ten. The bout was a final eliminator with the winner to meet the reigning middleweight champion, Hans Dieter Schwartz.

Piaskowy was previously trained and managed by Laudo Taubeneck but the defeat by Hermandez brought about a split. Piaskowy, who in 1970 made a successful defense against Jean Baptiste Rolland, lost his crown to Hermandez and was outpointed in a world title against Freddie Little, was the 'Fighter of the Year 1970' in the eyes of Zeller.

Other results: Welterweight. Klaus Steinmetz making his debut as a professional after 40 amateur wins, KOd fellow German, Harry Klobes in the first. Heavyweight. Getulia Buena, Brazil, beat Peter Schulze, Germany, TKO 5. Middleweight. Matthias Rosenitsch, Austria, decisioned Saura Saprani, Italy, eight.

BERLIN.—Postal and airline strikes in Britain, Germany and France restricted mail deliveries, telephone communications and transportation during the month. Consequently fight results are scarce this month with only prominent bouts coming in over the grapevine. Therefore there are no ratings this month.

Late last year the European Boxing Union introduced another division to the existing ten. It was called the junior lightweight class but at a recent general meeting in Ghent it was rechristened super featherweight. The first boxer to grab this vacant crown was the Italian, Tommaso Galli, who beat Martin of Spain. Denmark boxing authorities have protested against Spanish referee Juan Risoti, who was in charge of the Tom Bogs-Carlos Duran European middleweight championship bout last December. He allowed the Italian to spoil and private ceremonies influenced the verdict, according to the president, Erik Lassen. Bogs may have to wait for a chance to regain his lost crown, for Frenchman Jean Claude Bouutier may get priority. Bouttier recently beat Pascal de Benedetto and stopped Tom Bethea. Bogs' first outing was against Lloyd Duncan, Jamaica, who he beat and then followed up with a decision over the prominent Don Fullmer.

The 19 promotions during 1970 in Germany registered an attendance of 71,200. This was 1,500 less than in 1969 when there was also 19 fight cards during the year.

Rene Roque, France, European junior welterweight king, was voted 'Boxer of the Year' for 1970 in his own country. In Germany the reigning champions are: Heavyweight, Horst Benedens; Light heavyweight, Rudiger Schmidtke; Middleweight, Hans Dieter Schwartz; Jr. Middleweight, Gerhard Piaskowy; Welterweight, Horst Brinkmeier; Jr. Welterweight, vacant; Lightweight, Klaus Jagoby; Super Featherweight, Lothar Abend. The feather, bantam and flyweight crowns are vacant. In Germany there are 24 First Series, 26 Second and 26 Third Series boxers active.

THE CHATTER BOX

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heavyweight Boone Kirkman, is false . . . Mexican middleweight king Rafael Gutierrez will be out of action due to a hand operation . . . Former lightweight Luis Molina has been working with San Jose featherweight Jose Moreno. Luis is reported to weigh around 180 . . . Roger Larivee, who manages welterweight Donato Paduano, has opened a gym in Montreal . . . Italy's Franco Zurlo, who lost his European bantamweight crown to Alan Rudkin, was laboring with a bad knee . . . Seattle middleweight Fraser Scott is a health food nut. He is also a part owner of a health food restaurant . . . Texas fight manager Perry Payne reports his heavyweight, Dave Zyglewicz, suffered a near-fatal industrial accident, and may never be able to fight again. The fighter was overcome by a chemical residue . . . Tommy O'Toole, a top featherweight of the early 1900's, died. He was 86 . . . Former lightweight king Willie Ritchie has just passed his 80th birthday . . . British heavyweight king Henry Cooper has been offered $108,000 to defend against Joe Bugner, who was recently held to a draw by Canadian Bill Drover . . . Ex-California lightweight champion Lovell Franklin is back in the gym, training for a comback . . . Tommy Watson, former British featherweight champion, died in Newcastle at the age of 62 . . . Rumor has it that heavyweight Mac Foster is now managed by a Fresno Syndicate. Foster was declared a free agent in a contractual dispute with manager Pat DiFuria. The California Commission ruled that Pat's contract had expired . . . Former welterweight Tony Janiro is now tending bar at "Tom and Sal's" in New York City . . . Watch for Japanese-Negro Cassius Naito to break into the world middleweight rankings in the near future . . . Freddie Cabriel, former New England welterweight, is now employed with the Cambridge Recreation Department . . . Ohio lightweight prospect Angre Reed is managed by John Laria . . . Lightweight Paul Armstead is handling heavyweight Stony Land . . . Ring's Michigan correspondent, Elliott Harvith, is now publishing a fight monthly in his home state . . . New York Boxing Writers' "Fighter of the Year" Ken Buchanan is now finally recognized by the British Boxing Board as world lightweight champion . . . Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Coulon celebrated 49 years of marriage. Johnny still handles ex-junior welterweight king Eddie Perkins.

RUELAS STOPS TARAZAN IN FOUR AT TUCSON

By Gib Clark

Tucson, Ariz. — Lightweight Ralph Ruelas of Tucson, Arizona, faced his first 10-round main event and his first far more experienced opponent at the Tucson Sports Center, and scored a four round KO over tough veteran Manuel Tarazan of Tijuana, Sonora, Mexico.

The victory vaulted 19-year-old Pueblo high schooler Ruelas into serious contention in his division. His undefeated record stands at 15-0.

In fact, Tarazan should have stayed in Tijuana. The 23-14 (pre-fight) rugged fighter clearly was in the wrong ring with Ruelas, a classy sharpshooter whose lightning left floored Tarazan flat on his fact coming off the ropes.

Ruelas has been taken under the wing of kindly and skillful Tucson trainer Al Marinez, who declares: "Ralph's a fine boy; clean cut, serious, sharp, and a comer."

Martinez recognized something special in Ralph, and has brought him along carefully.

On the same card, another tough Tucsonan, Johnny Rico, rebounded from a previous first loss to kayo Turko Levya of San Diego, in seven of the 10-round semi-main; both are welterweights.

Johnny, with Paco Flores, a welterweight, has also learned that boxing skill is equally as important as fighting prowess. He looked as good in his win over Levya as he conversely appeared in his first loss by decision to Beto Cruz of El Paso. Rico's big and strong, and has relied in the past on bulling in, intent on flattening his foe.

Rounding out the classy card, Henry Felix, Sahuarita, Ariz., scored his fourth straight pro win with a TKO over Carmelo Green, Douglas, Arizona. In the first prelim, Frank Felix split-decisioned Johnny Mesa, subbing for Gildo Federico.

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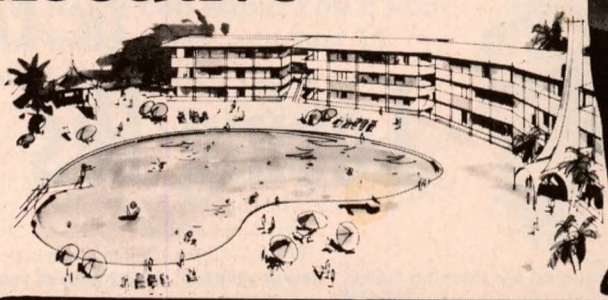

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